

Gilroy Innovators - Youth & Young Adults Application

Community Solutions' Solutions to Violence Division is currently seeking 10-15 youth and young adult leaders from Gilroy to participate in a 1 year Leadership Program built on driving change in their community. We need passionate, energetic, hardworking, and driven youth to provide input, plan community outreach events, and create change in their communities.

Gilroy Innovators

The Gilroy Innovators is a team of community members dedicated to creating a safer Gilroy. The Innovators will use the Close to Home model to engage our Hollister community in designing solutions and leading social change to prevent domestic and sexual violence from happening in our community.

The Gilroy Innovators Program will run for 1 year. During this time youth and young adults will be:

- Trained in prevention and education
- Strategize ways to bring positive changes geared towards community members
- Developing awareness materials targeted to the community on healthy relationships
- Engaging with community members, local leadership, and other youth groups to strategize and plan outreach events

Rewards!

Youth and young adults who participate in the Gilroy Innovators Program **will receive a chrome book and ongoing incentives upon completing projects**. Plus your contribution will make a difference in your community. We are looking for youth and young adults who feel they have something to say! If you want to build a healthier community, then you should apply!

Commitment

All youth will be asked to commit to 12-16 hours per month of their time to the Gilroy Innovators Program. Each youth should expect to attend a weekly meeting and one monthly intergenerational meeting.

Must Haves

- Youth and young adults must be between the ages of 14-24
- Willing to speak your mind in a group setting and share creative ideas
- Be confident, passionate, and committed to sharing your opinions and expertise

How to Apply

Fill out the attached application, including the questions and then drop off at our Gilroy office. All applications must be completely filled out, including parent/legal guardian permission slip (for youth the ages of 14-17). **All applications are due by August 23, 2019.**

Applications can be found at online at <http://www.communitysolutions.org>

Please complete the applications by August 23, 2019

Email any questions to please call Heidi at 669-239-5438 or Monserrat at 669-327-7833

Gilroy Innovator's Application Form

Please complete the following 4 pages

General Information

Name:	Home #	Cell #
Address (including city):		
Email:		Date of Birth:
Name of Parent or Guardian	Home #	Cell #
Parent Signature		Date
Do you speak, read, or write in any other language?		
List any other activities you are involved in outside of school such as sports, hobbies, community services, responsibilities, or other activities you choose to list.		
Please list at least two references.		
Name of reference	Cell #	Years known:
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Participant Agreement Form

I have read and understood all of the above information. I understand that by signing in the below areas I am agreeing to participate with the Gilroy Innovator's Program. I will participate in meetings and activities. I have read and understood the conditions listed above.

Youth & Young Adult Applicant's Name (print name):

Youth & Young Adult Applicant's Signature: Date:

Help us get to know you

We want to get to know your strengths. Please assist us by completing the form below to help us learn more about your best assets. Please check in the appropriate column the factors for which you have adequate information for appraisal.

	My Best Feature	I'm OK with that	Needs Work
1. Passionate about prevention			
2. Social skills (gets along well/respect for others)			
3. Demonstrates dependability and punctuality			
4. Self-motivated			
5. Demonstrates responsibility (directs energies toward tasks)			
6. Demonstrates enthusiasm in performing assigned tasks			
7. Strives for excellence			
8. Mentally alert (organization skills/problem-solving skills)			
9. Demonstrates integrity/honesty			
10. Demonstrates optimism and self-respect			
11. Capacity to try new ideas and increase knowledge			
12. Attitude toward constructive criticism			
13. Ability to adapt to change			
14. Cooperates with others			
15. Demonstrates attention to detail			

Additional Things you want us to know: _____

Please answer the following questions. Use the space below to answer each question. If you need additional space please use extra sheet of paper.

1. We want to know why you want to be involved. What motivates you to want to participate in the Gilroy Innovators?

2. What makes a strong community?

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission (only complete if your child is under the age of 18)

I have read and understood all of the above information. I understand that by signing in the below areas I am allowing my child to be involved with the Gilroy Innovator's Program. I will support my child in attending all meetings and activities. I support my child's decision in participating in the Gilroy Innovator's Program.

I have read and understood the conditions listed above.

Child's Name (print name):

Child's Signature:

Date:

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name (print name):

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature:

Date: