



Youth Activity Board 2023 - 2024 Application

Hi! Would you mind taking 9 minutes to complete this form? It would be great if you can submit your response by Jun 18, 2023. Thank you!

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1. To apply to be considered as a member of the Youth Activity Board, applicants must fully complete the online application by completing this form. Below are some of the major items you will submit with your application. Please read carefully and prepare as much as you can before starting your application.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 18.

1. Answers to supplemental questions. For your drafting purposes here are the supplemental questions (each answer should not be more than 300 words):
 1. **If you were selected to serve on YAB, what new event/activity would you like to see the YAB organize?**
 2. **What program or resource do you think is missing from youth's lives and how would you bring this resource to the community through YAB?**
 3. **What skills, talents, or strengths would you bring to the YAB?**
 4. **What do you like to do for fun/what are your hobbies?**
2. Submit one letter of recommendation on letterhead from a non-family member. Recommenders may submit letters via email to Robert at robertk@cupertino.org. Your letter must be submitted by the application deadline and must be sent by the email address listed in your application. **We strongly suggest you communicate this to your letter writer as we will not accept late applications.**
- 3.
4. Record a one-minute 'About Me' video. This can be anything from why you want to serve on YAB, your hobbies, aspirations, or anything you feel we should know about who YOU are. Your skills, accomplishments, and

qualifications will already be captured on the application so take this opportunity to highlight more unique things about you!

A. Please make your video 'private' or 'unlisted' in YouTube, then copy and paste the share link into the submission field on the application.

Important note about the YAB 23-24 term: Due to a high amount of graduating YAB members, the YAB President seat for 23-24 was elected on May 3, 2023 to learn from the current President and create a smooth transition for the new YAB cohort in 23-24.

Please acknowledge that you have read and understand the above information.

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Yes, I understand and agree that my application will be automatically considered incomplete and ineligible if I do not submit all required items (i.e., web application, answers to the supplemental questions, video, letter of recommendation) by the deadline, **11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 18.**

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2. Applicant First Name *

Bhargav

3. Applicant Last Name *

Eranki

4. City/Town *

Cupertino

5. Applicant Email Address (Make sure it's an email you often check and double-check your spelling!) *

bhargav.eranki@gmail.com

6. Applicant Cell Phone Number (Use for YAB communication only) *

408-509-6100

7. Date of Birth: *

3/28/2007



8. School you are attending for the 2023 - 2024 school year. *

Cupertino High School

9. What grade will you be in the 2023-2024 school year? *

☐ 8th

☐ 9th

☐ 10th

☒ 11th

10. What extracurriculars do you plan on doing for the 2023 - 2024 school year? *

Cupertino Robotics, Tinnovation, Private Tutoring, Volunteering, College Classes

11. YAB members are required to attend meetings, volunteer at events, and follow the YAB Bylaws. Please review the documents below before proceeding:

YAB Calendar

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:2f671aa2-fca5-3d20-9f34-6cbb66549581>

YAB Bylaws

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:2185d04a-63b4-3107-9926-2720b2ae1865>

Once you have reviewed the information, please proceed. *



I have read and reviewed the calendar and agree to adhere to the meeting dates, event dates, and deadlines.



I have read and reviewed the YAB Bylaws and agree that, if selected, I will adhere to follow the YAB Bylaws.

12. How did you hear about the Youth Activity Board: *



A current or former YAB member



From a friend



School website or announcement



I've been to an event.



Cupertino Website



Cupertino Social Media



E-mail

Supplemental Questions

We recommend drafting and refining your answers on a word processor to avoid losing work. Each answer should not be more than 300 words.

13. If you were selected to serve on YAB, what new event/activity would you like to see the YAB organize? *

As a proud member of Cupertino's community, I've showcased my culture with pride through volunteer events, plays, and community gatherings, and would love to see the YAB celebrate Cupertino through a cultural festival if selected to serve. Our community has a variety of unique stories to tell and fresh perspectives to convey, making a cultural festival a fantastic avenue to celebrate self expression. Celebrating the varied cultures of our neighbors is an engaging opportunity for those attending to learn more and partake in new experiences that help instill empathy and appreciation for said community's diversity. A variety of stands showcasing cuisine, fashion, art and entertainment coupled with interactive workshops about other cultural norms would offer attendees a free way to further cultivate the welcoming environment Cupertino offers. Imagine confronting a stand laden with colorful decorations, with food items sitting on the counter as their aroma wafts through the air, with memorabilia glistening from behind it. As you come closer, the exhibitor begins to weave a masterful world of words straight from their folklore. It hooks you in, as you take in the many visual aids the booth offers, whether it be old cultural art pieces, traditional clothing, or family heirlooms. As the story comes to a conclusion, the traditional delicacies sitting on the counter are served alongside a cultural centerpiece that accompanies the story, an experience which may have you leave the booth with a newfound

14. What program or resource do you think is missing from youth's lives and how would you bring this resource to the community through YAB? *

With the modern outlook on work opportunities in the Bay Area becoming more competitive over the past decade, a resource that I think is missing from youth's lives is an easy way to interface with career specialists and local startups in the hopes of gaining valuable job experience. The YAB can do this by curating a list of small businesses, altruistic nonprofits, and innovative startups in the area to come present at job fairs. This essentially allows eager students to intern or volunteer at an organization with a bright culture and inclusive environment, serving as a mutually beneficial arrangement between the company and the student. A small investment of their time and training will yield a crucial helping hand, and the student will gain valuable opportunities to contribute and learn. This experience will hopefully influence the student's future endeavors and serves as an effective indicator for whether or not the field in question is for them. We can also invite researchers and career specialists in a variety of unique professions to come speak on what their typical day looks like, offering interested teens a more realistic perspective of what their future may hold for them. Though gathering these individuals may seem a daunting task, a combination of organized cold emailing on the behalf of the board and board members' past connections can quickly get us the group of people we need to offer the highest quality event for attendees. At its core, a career fair like this should aim to remove the academic

15. What skills, talents, or strengths would you bring to the YAB? *

Volunteering with a myriad of organizations for over 5 years has offered me valuable experience with organizing events and uniting others behind a greater cause, qualities which enable the YAB to run community events. Whether it be creating care packages for those deployed overseas, providing tech help for the elderly, fundraising for various causes, tutoring math and computer science, or helping cook for homeless shelters, each new event helps me understand how to confront systemic issues, keeping me grateful and in touch with our beautiful community. Entering high school, a position on the FBLA Partnership With Business team gave me experience working in a professional team-based environment with budgets, deadlines, meetings with the CEO, and more. It was a vital foray into the development life cycle, handling larger-scale operations comparable to that of meetings and events organized by the YAB. Subsequently, working with my school's FTC Robotics team, I not only organized novel events and learning opportunities for incoming members of the program, but fostered collaborative development with competing teams to push the boundaries of innovation through our robots. Most relevantly, I served as the Sponsor Lead of PioneerHacks IV alongside marketing efforts as a part of local tech club Tinovation, where I was responsible for accruing and following up with hundreds of potential sponsors and ensuring the hackathon ran smoothly, providing assistance during the event itself. The ability to interface with a wide range of companies in a formal and punctual manner is a valuable skill that ties directly

16. What do you like to do for fun/what are your hobbies? *

Finding comfort in the rhythms of dribble routines and practice penalty kicks, I often find myself entranced with a soccer ball most summer afternoons, as I sync my drills to the beat of the track in my headphones. Whether it be hip-hop or classical, music remains a major part of my life, with many hours spent crafting the perfect playlist for each mood and activity. Nothing accompanies atmospheric instrumentals better than wiping dust off of the top row of the bookshelf and cracking open a new world of fantasy and bliss, all packaged in the ink-littered papyrus of a hardcover novel. Through each new page, the world becomes that more vivid, the emotional attachments to its characters that much stronger. I find these same pockets of creativity through computer science projects I develop, confronting issues from data ethics to viable social impact while integrating challenging new frameworks and technologies. My constant desire to learn coupled with my interest in making change drives many of my interests, like my love for teaching and enabling others to learn from my experiences. Outside of this, I make it a must to spend time with my family, who maintain their love and patience with me through both my lows and highs - of which the newest addition has been a small parakeet named Mango. If he's not squawking to his heart's content or flying between bedrooms, he's following us around, eager for another treat or opportunity to play. Countless hours have been spent attempting to teach

Letters of Recommendation and 'About Me' Video

Letters of recommendation are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 18.

17. First Name of Letter Writer: *

Eric

18. Last Name of Letter Writer: *

Ferrante

19. Their relationship to you: *

- ☒ Teacher
- ☐ Mentor
- ☐ Supervisor
- ☐ Troop Leader
- ☐ Guidance Counselor
- ☐ Other

20. What is their email? *

eric_ferrante@fuhsd.org

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https://youtu.be/FFZTDalQ_SQ

23. All the information in this application is true and accurate. I will make sure my letter writer understands the deadline and understand my applications will be ineligible if my letter is not submitted by the deadline. *

☐ I agree

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