Youth Art Exchange

2024 YOUTH ART EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION

About Youth Art Exchange: Youth Art Exchange (YAX) is currently seeking Advisory Board members with a passion for our work to help the organization fulfill our mission & vision, reach our financial goals, and expand our strategic networks. The YAX advisory board meets regularly through quarterly Board meetings, committee work, and special events. YAX is fiscally sponsored, so our Advisory Board has many of the roles of a regular board; however our fiscal sponsor, Tides Center, is our governing Board.

YAX was founded in 2000 with the fundamental belief that youth need art. The public high school students we serve are primarily low income youth of color and we center them through free out-of-school time and in-school learning at the intersection of youth development and arts education. Our mission is to spark a shared creative practice between practicing artists and these students, furthering them as leaders, thinkers, and artists. We work to disrupt who has traditional access to the arts as a part of our effort to contribute to a vibrant San Francisco shaped by diverse voices. This work started with youth and artists of color and now extends to communities of all ages through free multidisciplinary visual and performing arts programming. In our two new art centers located on the ground floor of 100% affordable housing sites, we aim to create safe creative third spaces where youth can come together, learn, and exchange through creative expression, building their leadership and successful transition to adulthood.

Many barriers exist in accessing the arts for young people, low income people, immigrants, people of color, LGBTQIA+ people, and others who are systematically excluded. We prioritize service to these populations with intention to increase engagement of Black and brown youth and families across our work. Our core enrolled high school youth are diverse: 90% are youth of color, 80% qualify for free/reduced lunch, and many are English language learners and recent immigrants. Our youth population is 33% Latinx, 31% Asian American, 12% Black, 10% multiracial, 10% white, and 4% other. YAX has a high number of LGBTQIA+ youth, nearly 60% identify as female, and they speak seven different first languages. Our staff, faculty artists, and advisory board reflect similar demographics. We have several alumni in staff and faculty positions.

Application Information: We are preparing to celebrate 25 years of work with youth and artists in San Francisco and transitioning to a center-based organization as we partner with Mission Housing Development Corporation for two new locations in 100% affordable housing sites in the Mission and Excelsior. We are enthusiastically seeking advisory board members interested in participating in these efforts to celebrate our work and ensure organizational sustainability and grow our capacity. The term for Advisory Board membership is three years. If you are interested in learning more about joining the board, please email reed@youthartexchange.org.

If you, or someone you know, fits this description, please see the application on the YAX website and at this link. We are accepting applications for board service until December 17, 2024. (Extended)

Areas of Work: Each YAX Advisory Board Member is expected to sit on one or more committees. Current committees are: Executive Committee (Board Officers), Fundraising Committee, Program Committee, Board Nomination/Governance, and Strategic Planning. We are also looking for someone with financial management experience to join as a treasurer.

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2025-2027 Meeting Dates: In addition to the following dates, YAX will provide a calendar of program, fundraising, and networking events. The Executive Committee meets more frequently as needed.

All meetings are 9-11am in person (location TBD). Optional coffee starting at 8:30am and lunch 11am-12:00pm.

2025	2026	2027
Retreat/Quarterly Meeting: January 31, 2025	**Retreat/Quarterly Meeting:** January 30, 2026	**Retreat/Quarterly Meeting:** January 29, 2027
Quarterly Meeting: April 25, 2025	**Quarterly Meeting:** April 24, 2026	**Quarterly Meeting:** April 23, 2027
Quarterly Meeting: August 22, 2025	**Quarterly Meeting:** August 21, 2026	**Quarterly Meeting:** August 20, 2027
Quarterly Meeting: November 21, 2025	**Quarterly Meeting:** November 20, 2026	**Quarterly Meeting:** November 19, 2027

Additional Information:

- 2024 YAX Overview Slide Deck
- Tides Fiscal Sponsor Relationship
- 2024 Board Expectations/Job Description *(Draft Document)*

Tides Center Conflict of Interest Information/Board Member Agreement will be completed online.