



Youth Fellows Program Application Guide

The Coro Youth Fellows is an immersive, experiential, cohort-based summer program that trains high school participants in leadership skills needed to be effective and to understand how local civic systems work. This year the program will be primarily in-person with some virtual elements. Visit corola.org/YFP for more information.

Eligibility

- Current High School sophomore or junior
- Able to attend the entire 6-week summer program
- Able to return phone calls and emails in a timely manner
- Able to secure consistent transportation to Coro activities and internships
- Payment of program tuition, \$5,000, or scholarship award (need based scholarships are available, please see the details below)

Application Information

Please Note: The application must be completed in one sitting. We highly recommend working on and saving the essays in a separate document so that you can paste the text into the application without the risk of losing content. If you are requesting financial aid, please complete the application with a parent/guardian nearby, as you'll be asked to provide financial information in the last section of the application. **Applications are due 11:59pm PST April 7, 2024.**

Section 1: Personal Information

Section 2: Experience and Activities

Work history and community/school engagement

Section 3: Essay Questions

1. Tell us who you are. You can describe your background, values, significant experiences from your past, and/or special hobbies/interests that have helped to shape your identity, values, and/or aspirations.
2. What is the most challenging obstacle that you have had to overcome? Discuss the impact it has had on you and what you have learned from the experience.

Section 4: Video Testimonial

Upload a 60-second video testimonial answering the following question: *What are your reasons for applying to the Coro Youth Fellows Program? How will you apply your leadership training in your school or neighborhood community?*

- Video should be one single cut with just the applicant, in a quiet space, direct to the camera.
- The video should feature your head and upper torso.
- Please begin the video by stating your full name.
- Business professional attire is strongly encouraged.
- We recommend that you test your audio and lighting to ensure clarity of sound and video.

Section 5: Interests and Skills

This section is an opportunity to share your interests and skills with Coro, to better match you with your field placements. Your application will **not** be affected by whether or not you have any of the skills listed in the questions.

Section 6: COVID Regulations

Youth Fellows participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to participate in the program.

Section 7: Financial Aid Application (Optional)

Should be completed with a parent/ guardian who will be asked to provide details from their 2022 and 2023 Federal Income Tax Returns as well as a brief description of the household's current financial situation.

Recommendation

Please ask a teacher, counselor, coach, supervisor, etc (no family/ friends) to fill out our online Recommendation Form on your behalf. The Recommendation Form can be found [here](#) and must be received by **April 7, 2024**. Applicants are responsible for confirming this submission with their recommender.

Demographic Information and Anti-Discrimination Statement

Coro values diverse perspectives, identities, experiences, and worldviews represented in programming and program participants. We believe that all participants benefit from having many facets of diversity represented in their Coro experience. Because of this, we ask for information about your background, identities, and affiliations. We greatly appreciate your willingness to provide this information to the best of your ability.

Coro Southern California is committed to a policy of equal treatment for all individuals applying to the Coro Youth Fellowship program. Coro does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, handicap, age, religion, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin.

2024 Application Timeline

- March 17: Early Decision Deadline
- April 7: Application Deadline
- April 8 - April 22: Review Period
- April 22: Invitations/scholarship Notifications Sent
- May 6: Confirmation/Deadline Deposit
- June 24: Program Start Date

2024 Program Dates

Week 1: June 24

Week 2: July 1 (Thurs, Fri holiday) *mandatory

Week 3: July 8 (Internship Placements)

Week 4: July 15 (Internship Placements)

Week 5: July 22

Week 6: July 29

- Graduation on Aug 2

Questions?

Please contact Callie Spaide, Senior Manager at callie@corola.org or (213) 267-6497.

Application Access

Ready to get started?

[Click here](#) to access the online application and share [this recommendation form](#) with a teacher, mentor, coach, counselor or supervisor. References should not be friends or family.