



# Khmer Girls in Action Youth Organizer Program Applications

*KGA believes in building the leadership and organizing skills of Southeast Asian Youth to create change in their community. We do that through our advanced youth organizer programs. Each program plays a different role in building your understanding of key issues facing your community, and strengthening your leadership and organizing skills to fight for social justice!*

## YOUTH ORGANIZER LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

### SOI

**Summer Organizing Institute**  
June 30-July 23, 2015 4 weeks  
Meets Tues, Thurs & Fri 2-6 pm  
20 youth

SOI an intensive training program where you will build and hone your organizing skills. During the program you will learn about and strengthen your campaign planning, base-building, outreach, retention, & public speaking skills so that you can more effectively organize your community to fight for justice!

### YOLB

**Youth Organizing Long Beach**  
August-June  
Meets Weekly, 3-6pm  
20 youth

YOLB is a year-long program that deepens organizers understanding of issues impacting their community, around race, class, & gender. You will learn about the roots causes of issues, so that you can take action in your community, and make your voice heard. As you gain hands on experience and knowledge, you will also learn about & develop your own leadership skills & teamwork.

### KJP

**Khmer Justice Program**  
August-June  
Meets Tuesday, 3-6pm, w/  
additional days as needed  
7-12 youth

KJP is for youth organizers to do the lead thinking and planning for KGA's campaigns. You will develop campaign strategy & tactics, communicate & represent KGA's campaigns & work in external spaces, workshop & trainings—this includes Club officers, SSC reps, etc. You will take your leadership to the next level as you build our base and run our campaigns!

*Must have at least completed YWEP/YMEP & SOI*

## GENERAL APPLICATION INFO

<b>Programs you are applying for (circle all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> SOI <input type="checkbox"/> YOLB <input type="checkbox"/> KJP <i>Respond to ALL specific questions for each program you are applying to at the end of the application.</i>		
<b>Full Name</b> (first, middle, last)		<b>Home Number</b>	
<b>Full Address</b> (include zip code)		<b>Cell Number</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b> (month / day / year)	
<b>Grade in the Fall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> Grad <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <sup>th</sup> Grad <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
<b>What other commitments, leadership roles, or groups are you involved in outside of KGA (sports, clubs, clubs, etc)</b>			

## Application Deadline is SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2015

*This application has two parts.*

*First is the general application questions for all programs.*

*The Second part is program specific questions.*

*Please make sure you answer all questions for the programs you are applying to.*

*Feel free to use another piece of paper if you need more space!*

*If you have any questions please contact KGA at (562) 986-9415*

# General Application Questions

1. In your own words, how would you talk about what KGA is to your peers, family, or community members?
2. During your involvement in KGA, what workshop, activity, or event has had the biggest impact on you & why?
3. What does being a leader mean to you?
4. Over the past year, what is the most important way you've seen yourself grow or step up as a leader?
5. Share 2-3 characteristics, qualities, strengths that make you a good leader and why?
6. What is the most important thing you've learned about how to create change in your community?
7. Please share with us a challenging experiences you've had at KGA. Why it was challenging for you, how you dealt with it, and what did you learn from this challenge (*about yourself, teamwork, organizing, etc*)?
8. What leadership, organizing skills, or topics are you interested in learning about & developing as a youth organizer?

# Program Specific Questions

## SUMMER ORGANIZING INSTITUTE (SOI)

1. Will you be attending Summer School this summer?                      Yes                      No
  - If yes, what classes are you taking and what time will you be done?
2. SOI is from 2-6 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday, with some fieldtrip fun days on Friday. Can you commit to the full institute?  
 YES                       NO

What other plans or commitments do you have this summer that might interfere with your participation in SOI (ex., vacation, family, etc)

3. What suggestions or ideas do you have for our fun days/fieldtrips this summer?

## YOUTH ORGANIZING LONG BEACH (YOLB)

1. Why are you interested in being a part of the YOLB Program?
2. What is an important issue impacting young people of color or the Khmer Community in Long Beach? Why do you think that issue exists?
3. In what ways will you support a safe & gender inclusive space for everyone (young women, young men, & LGBTQ folks) to grow and contribute as leaders in KGA?
4. What is the number one area of improvement you think you need to work on to become a stronger leader at KGA & why?

# Program Specific Questions

## **KHMER JUSTICE PROGRAM (KJP)**

In addition to answering the questions below YOU MUST ANSWER all question in the YOLB section to apply for KJP.

1. Why are you interested in being a part of the Khmer Justice Program?
2. KJP leads our Campaign Work at KGA. What do you know about our current campaigns, and why do you think they are important?
3. What do you feel are your strongest leadership skills that you can contribute to the KJP team to make our campaigns successful (*i.e. outreach, facilitation, public speaking, planning, teamwork, commitment, initiative, etc*)
4. In what ways have you seen yourself already take on a lead role or take initiative in your program?

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***Thank you for applying to be in KGA's Youth Organizing Program(s).  
Please make sure you have filled out all parts of the application before turning it back in.***

***We will be in touch with you about which programs you have been accepted into.***

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