

Application for Membership

H.Y.P.E. YOUTH LEADERS

Many youth strive to complete high school, but lack the direction and support to pursue higher education or career development skills. This is a vulnerable time for this target population who have not developed an action plan for their future. During the transition from full time education to employment youth require the appropriate social, emotional, personal support and vocational skills necessary to achieve their goals. The **Helping Youth Progress & Evolve (H.Y.P.E.) Program** gives youth an opportunity to gain skills that will help them navigate their journey of life while working and interacting with peers who face similar challenges. By highlighting talent that already exists within them, the Institute for Interactive Instruction, Inc. (Institute) is committed to empowering youth through a multi-dimensional approach that gives them a voice to make a difference.

Youth are able to have their voice heard as a HYPE Youth Leader. He/she will collaborate on providing advice and recommendations to the Institute and make a difference in the lives of youth in Prince George's County, Maryland.

In completing this application, the Applicant understands that he/she will serve on a youth advisory committee with peers for a period of up to one year.

Requirements:

- Must be 11 – 18 years old
- Have parental/guardian permission
- Maintain a favorable school attendance record
- Communicate effectively with peers and adults
- Demonstrate good interpersonal and speaking skills
- Be willing to participate in the planning and implementation of youth activities
- Able to attend scheduled meetings.

Why join?

- Free food!
- Youth-friendly environment
- Meet other youth
- Plan activities for youth
- Earn community services hours
- Become a Peer Educator
- Earn community service hours for school

