Apply for the 2019-2020 Youth Justice Board

The 2019 - 2020 Youth Justice Board will work to improve safety, privacy, and security in the digital lives of young New Yorkers, with a focus on how their digital lives intersect with justice and school system policies.

Once you start the online application, you WILL NOT be able to save it halfway through, so make sure that you can complete it in one sitting or draft responses in another document (Microsoft Word, for example) and input them once you’re done.

The application includes at least **FOUR short essay responses** and asks for at least **ONE letter of recommendation**.

The essay questions are:

1. Why are you interested in joining the Youth Justice Board? What about the topic of “safety, privacy, and security in our digital lives and school or justice system consequences” interests you?
2. If you could change one issue in society, what would it be? Why?
3. Working with other people can be exciting, but also challenging. Tell us about an experience when you worked with a team of other people. What strengths did you bring to the group? What were the challenges of working within the group? What did you like, and what didn't you like?
4. We understand that your schedule can be unpredictable and become busy. What strategies will you use to make sure that you still attend Board meetings regularly and keep us aware of your schedule?
5. You have a choice for the 5th question:
   a. Write an additional essay about an accomplishment you are most proud of. Tell us about it. Why is it important to you? What did you learn?
   b. Submit something, via email (yjb+applications@courtinnovation.org), that represents you and the skills and talents you will bring to the Youth Justice Board. It can be a poem or short story you wrote, an essay on a topic of your choice, a piece of art you made, a link to a video or podcast, or anything else you can think of! This is your chance to show us more about your personality and skills.

The letter of recommendation requirements are:

1. Your recommendation letter must come from a professional contact, such as a teacher or guidance counselor at your school, a supervisor at a job, or a staff person at a program you have participated in.
2. Email the recommendation as an attachment to yjb+applications@courtinnovation.org or ask your recommender to email it themselves to yjb+applications@courtinnovation.org. (You cannot copy and paste recommendation text into an email and send it in.) We will not contact recommenders on your behalf.
3. You may also submit an optional second recommendation from any person that you choose (including a friend), as long as they are not a family member.

To be considered, you must submit your application and all other materials by **June 17, 2019 (priority deadline)** or **July 15, 2019 (final deadline)**.

If you have any questions about the program or application process, contact us at 646-383-5928 or YJB@courtinnovation.org.