

Become A Member Of WE'CED Youth Media in MERCED!

WE'CED is a youth-led media program with a mission to engage Central Valley youth in media as a way to express ideas and creativity, talk about community issues and help young people build a youth-driven voice in the community. Our organization is a project of Pacific News Service/New America Media.

WHAT WE WILL DO:

- We will write! Twice a year we will publish a magazine created almost entirely by YOU.
- We will eventually expand to photography and graphic design, and produce videos.
- We will also coordinate workshops and participate in other community events and projects.
- We will meet twice a week.
- You will learn how to become leaders in our community by sharing your youth voices/experiences with others along with sharing stories about issues in our community.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- 1 **AGE:** Be between the ages of 15-18ish.
- 2 **ATTEND MEETINGS:** Be able to attend weekly meetings every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-6:30 PM. We meet at Valley Community School, 1850 Wardrobe Ave (really close to Gracey Elementary).
- 3 **LIVE IN SOUTHWEST MERCED/EAST MERCED COUNTY:** Priority will be given to those who live in the specified area. This might sound a bit confusing so if you are not sure if you live in the area, please contact Andres Reyes.
- 4 **INTEREST:** We're looking for youth who have an interest in media/writing and want to become more involved in the community. Is that you?

As a member of WE'CED you'll have the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, and create media that shares your voice and opinion with others. Members also may receive a stipend each week for attending and participating.

To apply, please complete the following application, and submit ASAP! Applications will be accepted until Monday, January 22nd, 2013.

If you are selected, you will be contacted and invited to attend our first official meeting.

For more information, contact Andres Reyes, 209-761-2199 areyes@newamericamedia.org

*****When submitting your application, please do NOT turn in this info sheet.
Instead, please keep this info sheet for your reference.*****

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Application for WE'CED Youth Media in MERCED

I. Background Information

(1) Name _____ (2) Age _____ (3) Gender: _____

(4) Address _____ (5) City, State, Zip _____

(6) Home Phone _____ (7) Cell _____

(8) Email _____ (9) Date of Birth _____

(10) Do you live in the Southwest Merced/Planada/LeGrand/East Merced County area? YES / NO

(11) Ethnicity _____ (12) What school do you attend? _____ (13) Grade _____

(14) How did you hear about WE'CED? _____

(15) Transportation: How will you get to and from meetings? _____

(16) Are you able to attend meetings twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-6:30 PM? YES / NO

If no, please explain _____

II. Writing Responses

Everything you submit to us is 100% confidential and will be shared with no one outside of WE'CED without your expressed consent. On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions (no more than two pages single spaced, hand-written okay):

- A In your own words, why do you want to be a part of WE'CED?
- B What skills/abilities would you bring to WE'CED?
- C What is the biggest challenge you are facing or have faced in the past? How did you react?

III. Signature

By signing, I affirm that all information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

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IV. Submit Your Application

Please submit this completed application, along with your writing responses, to Andres Reyes *as soon as possible* (by January 22, 2013). You can email the answers for numbers 1-17 above, along with your writing responses, to areyes@newamericamedia.org.