
Become A Member Of The kNOw Youth Media!

The kNOw is a youth-led media program with a mission to engage Fresno youth in media as a way to express ideas/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. To learn more, visit our website: www.theknowfresno.org.

What we do:

- We write! Twice a year, we publish “The kNOw” magazine.
- We do photography and graphic design, and produce videos.
- We coordinate events (Open Workshops, Safe Zone Forums, Community-Wide Forums), and we participate in other community events and projects.
- We meet every week, Mon and Wed from 4:00-6:30PM at our office.
- We are learning how to become leaders in our community, and we are sharing our youth voices/experiences with others along with sharing stories about issues in our communities.

If you are interested in joining The kNOw, here are some things we’re looking for:

1. AGE: Be between the ages of 15-18.
2. ATTEND MEETINGS: Be able to attend weekly meetings, after school from 4:00-6:30PM, every Mon and Wed, at our office in West Fresno, 302 Fresno St, Suite 203.
3. LIVE IN WEST FRESNO: Preferably live in the West Fresno area (or have your own reliable transportation if you live in another neighborhood).
4. GET TO KNOW US: The best way to learn about what we do is to come to our events. Check our website for a list of upcoming events.
5. 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?

By joining The kNOw, 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 receive a stipend each week for attending.

To apply, please complete the following application, and submit AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Applications will be accepted until July 22, 2011 (postmarked okay).

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

For more information, contact Mai Der Vang 559-492-8185 mvang@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 The kNOw Youth Media

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 West Fresno area? YES / NO (11) Ethnicity _____

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

(14) Have you ever attended one of our Open Workshops or forums? YES / NO

If yes, when did you attend and what was the workshop/forum about?

(15) How did you hear about this opportunity to join The kNOw?

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

(17) Are you able to attend meetings twice a week, Mon and Wed from 4-6:30PM? YES / NO
If no, please explain _____

II. Writing Responses

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions (no more than two pages single spaced, hand-written okay):

- A. What do you hope to accomplish from being part of The kNOw?
- B. What skills/abilities would you bring to The kNOw?
- C. Tell us a story about a challenge you are facing in life. How are you working to overcome it?

III. Signature

By signing, I affirm that all information provided above is true.

Signature

Date

IV. Submit Your Application

Please submit this completed application, along with your writing responses, to Mai Der Vang as soon as possible (by July 22, 2011, postmarked okay). You can email the answers for numbers 1-17 above, along with your writing responses, to her at mvang@newamericamedia.org. Or drop off/mail your application to: The kNOw Youth Media, 302 Fresno St, Suite 203, Fresno, CA 93706