

# How to Apply Guide



Thanks for stopping by! Here's a preview of the [youthink Fellowship application](#) (hosted on *Ideawake*\*) for our June 2026 cohort, along with tips and notes to guide you.

*\*If you're new to Ideawake, create an account before starting your application. We recommend using Google Chrome as your web browser.*

Last Name

First Name \*

City \*

State or U.S. Territory \*

Email \*

1. Do you have a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (GED)? \*

2. Do you have at least 1 year of post-high school professional, educational, or volunteer experience, or will you by June 2026? \*

3. Do you have any experience using or learning about design thinking or human-centered design? This isn't required to apply—we're just curious! \*

4. Where did you learn about this opportunity? \*

Select all that apply

5. How old will you be as of June 22, 2026? \*

◆ First, provide contact information.

◆ Next, share details to help us understand your background.

6. Are you currently a student? \*

Select an option for this field

7. Are you currently working? \*

Select an option for this field

8. What is your race/ethnicity? \*

Select all that apply.

Select an option for this field

9. What is your gender? \*

Select an option for this field

10. What city and state will you be living in during the program? \*

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11. Statement of Interest: Please record a video sharing why you want to be a youthink Fellow. For example, what excites you about being part of this program, or what do you hope to learn or gain from it? The video should be no longer than 3 minutes. (Accepted formats: MP4, MP3, MOV) \*



### Tips for your video:

- Speak naturally—be yourself
- Focus on your interests and motivations
- Don't worry about perfect production quality
- Stay within the 3-minute limit

12. For each statement below, choose the option that best describes you in a professional or academic setting right now. There are no right or wrong answers—our goal is to understand how you see yourself.

No response required. See options below.

12a. I can explain my thoughts clearly to people I don't know. \*

Select an option for this field

12b. I can keep track of tasks and responsibilities using tools or systems that help me stay organized. \*

Select an option for this field

12c. I can manage my time and pace my work to meet deadlines and other commitments. \*

Select an option for this field

12d. I can adapt to new situations, teams, and ways of working. \*

Select an option for this field

12e. I can ask questions, seek feedback, or find information to improve when learning something new. \*

Select an option for this field

12f. Select one of the above 5 skills and tell us more about why you ranked it that way. \*

100 words

13. What are 3 other skills you are proud of that you think will help you succeed in this program? \*

100 words

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### Dropdown options for 12a-e:

- This is a challenge for me.
- I'm developing this skill.
- I'm comfortable with this.
- This is a superpower.

14. What experience, if any, do you have in adolescent sexual and reproductive health (e.g., coursework, volunteering, work experience)? If you don't have experience, what interests you about adolescent sexual and reproductive health? There are no right answers to this question, we'd just like to understand what draws you to the field. \*

300 words

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15a. This program requires you to work independently as well as part of a team of new folks. How do you approach both? What practices do you use when working on your own and with others? \*

150 words

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15b. We anticipate up to 10 hours of live virtual meetings per week (including with your team, the cohort, or your coach). Participants may have competing commitments or priorities (e.g., school, work, travel, caregiving). Do you foresee any major conflicts that might impact your availability to attend or schedule these virtual meetings? \*

150 words

16. Fellows will be placed in a group with 3 others to develop a potential solution for one of three issue areas. Please rank which of the below you would be most interested in working on (1=highest preference to 3=lowest preference).

No response required. See options below.

16a. Credible Knowledge and Information: Adolescents often struggle to evaluate the credibility of sexual and reproductive health information, leaving them vulnerable to misinformation. \*

Select an option for this field

16b. Engaging Young Men: Young men and adolescent boys are often not engaged as key stakeholders in sexual and reproductive health planning and services. \*

Select an option for this field

16c. Decision Making in Relationships: Young people are often expected to make complex decisions about relationships and sexual health without a clear understanding of what healthy relationships look like and what consent means in practice. \*

Select an option for this field

16d. Is there anything else you'd like to share about why you ranked your choices in this order? This question isn't required.

◆ **Tip:** Be honest about your availability. We want to set you up for success, and understanding your schedule helps us do that.

17. By submitting this application, I confirm that:

No response required. See options below.

17a. I live, and am eligible to, work in the U.S. and its territories. \*

Select an option for this field

17b. I have a valid REAL ID-compliant driver's license or state ID card for air travel. \*

Select an option for this field

17c. I'm available to travel to and attend the in-person gathering in Los Angeles, CA (fully funded by youthink) on June 22-25 and any additional travel days needed that week. \*

Select an option for this field

17d. I'm available to participate in 20-30 hours of work per week (mixture of live meetings, teamwork, and independent work) between the weeks of June 29 and August 7. \*

Select an option for this field



**Why we ask:** These requirements ensure you can fully participate in the program, including the in-person gathering and virtual work.

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**For additional support, join us for our:**

- **Informational Webinar:** View the recording on [youthink.health/fellowship/](https://youthink.health/fellowship/)
- **Application Office Hours:**
  - February 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. PT ([Zoom Registration Link](#))
  - February 13, 2026, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. PT ([Zoom Registration Link](#))
  - February 16, 2026, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. PT ([Zoom Registration Link](#))

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