



## A Revolutionary Summer 2026

Application for Youth Candidates – Google Form Questions + Fields

Questions/requests that require longer answers are bolded, for your reference. Multiple choice and linear scale answer options are not provided here. Required questions are distinguished with an asterisk. Please feel free to prepare your application offline and then copy and paste your answers into the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/25kwt7thA9NwExZs5> prior to the application deadline of May 30, 2026.

1. Email\*
2. Today's date\*
3. Full Name\*
4. Personal Gender Pronouns\*
5. Age as of June 28, 2026\*
6. Date of Birth\*
7. Current Mailing Address
8. Are you experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity?
9. Contact Number\*
10. Parent or Caregiver's Phone Number (if under 18)
11. Parent or Caregiver's Email Address (if under 18)
12. Current Grade/Year in School (if applicable)
13. If applicable, what school do you attend?
- 14. Tell us a little something about yourself. When was the last time you laughed so hard your stomach hurt? The last time you cried? What's your dream for your life? What are your fears? Be sure to nestle your personality in this answer. We want to read this and be able to say we know something important about you.\***
15. Tell us about something going on in the world right now that deeply impacts you.\*
16. Approximately how many books written by Black authors have you read?\*
17. How familiar are you with the work of Black queer writers and theorists?\*
- 18. Talk to us about the answers above. If you've never read a Black author before or only read a few, why do you think that is? If you've read a whole lotta Black writers, tell us about that, too.**
- 19. Do you have a favorite author? Who are they? What do you like about them?**
20. On a scale of 1 to 5, how much do you enjoy reading?\*



21. Explain the above rating. If you dislike reading, try to tell us exactly why. Is it difficult for you? Does it make you sleepy? Have you never found a book that captivated you? And if you really like reading, what about it captures your heart so? How are your feelings about reading reflected in your choice to apply to ARS?
22. How do you feel about silence? Are you able to sit in silence (no phone, no TV, no radio, no conversation) for a period of time? Like if your phone dies and you won't have access to a charger for an hour or so...will that kill you?
23. Tell us what you know about yoga. Are you open to taking yoga class every Sunday this summer? Why or why not?
24. Tell us about a time you were in a conflict with a friend. How did you resolve the conflict? Did the friendship survive? If so, why do you think it did? If not, how come?
25. This summer you may connect with youth who are very different from you in a variety of ways, including but not limited to home culture, lived experience, and gender expression. It will be our job (yours included) to make sure ARS 2026 is safe for and inclusive of all participants. What qualities do you possess that make Black youth who are different from you feel seen and safe? What qualities should they possess to make you feel seen and safe?
26. Each year, youth participate in or contribute to an end-of-summer production or product to be shared with the community. We have yet to decide what we will create this year, but in summers past we have written and published a children's book, produced an original play, and painted a life size mural. Youth are strongly encouraged to participate in our end-of-summer production/product and cannot earn the full \$[insert amount] stipend without doing so. The end-of-summer production/product requires that we gather outside of Sunday workshop hours. We will work hard to accommodate work schedules for youth who have jobs. Will you be able to commit to this component of the program?
27. In order to receive the full \$750 stipend, youth participants are required to complete the program with intention and raise \$100 for a fellow participant. How do you feel about these requirements?
28. You will be required to interview with the ARS team, which consists of youth leaders who have been through our program many times. The interview will help you and ARS determine if we're a good fit for each other. We hope that the process will feel more like a conversation between new friends than a high-stakes interview, but we know that some applicants may be uncomfortable or nervous when the time comes. How can we make the interview process more comfortable for you? How can we help create the conditions that allow you to show up as the most authentic version of yourself?



29. Planted in the Same Pot (PISP) is the introductory relationship-building retreat required for all ARS participants. It will take place June 26-28 at a location to be revealed once you've been accepted into the program. The retreat may be virtual and require you to join Zoom for a set amount of time each day or in-person, requiring an overnight stay. Will you be able to attend?
30. We very often contact our youth participants via text message or an app like Slack. Are you open to communicating in these ways? Are you responsive to text/app communication?
31. **In the space below, please provide a writing sample. We welcome any genre, including but not limited to: fiction, poetry, drama, and nonfiction. Please do not worry about text features like italics; we're simply interested in content and skill. Please try to keep your sample under 500 words.**