



YMCA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
**COMMUNITY  
WELL-BEING  
& BELONGING**

# The Dr. Eugene Bailey RISING LEADER PROGRAM

## JACKIE ROBINSON FAMILY YMCA

August 2025 – June 2026

### OVERVIEW

The Dr. Eugene Bailey Rising Leader Program invites young professionals to serve a 1-year term on the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA's Board of Advisors. This "Rising Leader" will, under the mentorship of current JRYMCA board members, participate in committees and events in service of Southeast San Diego, while growing their own leadership, collaboration, and decision-making skills.

**Dr. Eugene Bailey:** Dr. Bailey served on the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA's Board of Advisors for 42 years before retiring in 2024. Dr. Bailey established a mentorship program within the Board of Advisors that increased board engagement and effectiveness. He wished to extend this mentorship to young leaders in the San Diego community.

### RISING LEADER QUALIFICATIONS

- Enrolled in Community College or 4-year University program (sophomore or above)
- Complete the Rising Leader application and interview process
- Able to fulfill the Rising Leader Commitments (outlined below)

### RISING LEADER COMMITMENT

- Serve a 1-year term (August – June)
- Attend monthly Board of Advisors Meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month
- Participate on at least one Board of Advisors Committee
- Participate in Jackie Robinson Y events (ie. Holiday Special Event)
- Participation in the Annual Campaign Fundraiser

**Upon completion of their term, the Rising Leader will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship toward their educational pursuits.**



# EUGENE BAILEY

- 42 Years of Service -

## IMPORTANT DATES

**APPLICATION DUE DATE**

**MARCH 31, 2025**

**INTERVIEW WINDOW**

**APRIL 2025**

**SELECTION OF RISING LEADER**

**MAY 2025**

**BOARD OF ADVISORS ORIENTATION**

**AUGUST 2025**

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Mailing Address

Jackie Robinson Family  
YMCA

Attn: Awards Committee  
151 YMCA Way  
San Diego, CA 92102

In Person Drop Off

Branch Hours:  
Mon-Thurs: 6 am-9 pm  
Fri: 6 am-8 pm  
Sat: 8 am-5 pm  
Sun: Closed

Email

Sarah Large  
slarge@ymcasd.org  
Subject: "Rising Leader  
Application"

### Application Procedure - Complete application form in its entirety.

1. Complete a **PERSONAL STATEMENT** (150-300 words). This may include your background, experiences and/or achievements, aspirations, etc.
2. **SHORT ESSAY** (250-400 words), typed and double spaced, on the following topic: What Do I Seek To Gain From This Mentorship Program And How Will It Contribute To My Service Of The Community?
3. Attach an official copy of your **CURRENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT** (unofficial transcript is acceptable).
4. Attach at least one **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** from a current professor/advisor regarding your scholastic aptitude, qualifications and character. Make sure it is clearly marked as a school reference.
5. Attach at least one **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** from a representative of one of your community service or extracurricular activities. Make sure it is clearly marked as a community service or extracurricular reference.
6. List community service, extracurricular activities, and/or work experience.

Please direct questions to Sarah Large at 619-264-0144 or [slarge@ymcasd.org](mailto:slarge@ymcasd.org)



# “RISING LEADER” APPLICATION

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Middle Name:</b>
<b>Street Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>Name of College/University Attending:</b>		
<b>Years of attendance at college/university (ex: 2021-2024):</b>		
<b>Major/Minor Course of Study:</b>		
<b>Do you have current or past involvement with the Jackie Robinson YMCA?</b> “ Yes ” No		
<b>If yes, please give a brief description of your Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Involvement:</b>		
<b>From where/whom did you receive this application?</b>		



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List community service and volunteer activities that you have been involved in.  
\*If you need more space, please include an extra sheet detailing your community service.

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Work Experience: List jobs that you have held.

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List extracurricular activities (for example: sports, clubs, honors societies) that you have been involved in.

\*If you need more space, please include an extra sheet detailing extracurricular activities.

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## CHECKLIST:

1.		<b>Application</b>
2.		<b>Personal Statement</b>
3.		<b>Short Essay</b>
4.		<b>Transcript</b>
5.		<b>Letter(s) of Recommendation from Professor/Advisor</b>
6.		<b>Letter(s) of Recommendation from Community Service/Extracurricular Activities</b>

**All the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_