

Alumni Youth Advisory Board

Kandelia is launching its first-ever Alumni Youth Advisory Board — a small group of young adults who attended Seattle Public Schools as Multilingual Learners after 2020. The Advisory Board will meet once a month from **October 2026 - April 2027**. (No meeting in December). Members will be expected to attend **6 meetings** and will receive **\$400 for participating**. Board members will share their experiences and perspectives to help shape the programs and partnerships that support immigrant and refugee students today.

We're recruiting our first cohort of 5 alumni to help make sure Kandelia's work stays grounded in what students and families actually need.

Who should apply?

- Attended Seattle Public Schools after 2020
- Identify as an immigrant, refugee, or multilingual learner
- 20-24 years old at application
- Have firsthand experience navigating school, college, work, or other systems as a newcomer
- Want to speak up for students and families who are still coming up behind you
- Can commit to attending monthly meetings (Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10 and April 14)

What will you do?

- Meet regularly with Kandelia staff and fellow alumni to talk through what's working — and what's missing — for immigrant and refugee students and families
- Share your own experience navigating education and employment systems as a newcomer
- Help shape how Kandelia designs programs and chooses community partners going forward
- Build community with other alumni who share similar journeys

Why join?

- Your voice directly shapes programs serving students like you
- Build leadership, advocacy, and public-speaking experience
- Connect with a supportive community of fellow immigrant and refugee alumni
- Strengthen your resume and college/career applications

Interested? Send your resume and a cover letter sharing why you want to join to hr@kandelia.org by September 28, 2026.