

Generativity
Adapted from McAdams & de St. Aubin, 1992

Generativity is the emerging desire to care for younger and future generations. People tend to express a conscious concern for future generations in a variety of ways, the most common of which is the need to create a legacy through passing on knowledge (McAdams & de St. Aubin, 1992). It is neither confined to one specific stage nor to one specific aspect of one's life. Five items were selected from the six-item Loyola Generativity Scale (LGS) short form; the wording on all items was slightly modified to be in the first person (to make consistent with other Life Paths scales).

Development and validation of measure in pilot study and main sample: To establish reliability and validity for new and adapted items, we conducted a pilot study with 104 participants from the same community as the main sample, recruited through a local email classifieds list and word-of-mouth. In the main sample of over 2500 participants, we conducted domain-level factor analyses for all interpersonal strengths. The analysis produced a factor consisting of all five items used in the main study. Internal consistencies (coefficient alphas) for the pilot and main samples are 0.90 and 0.88, respectively. Validity was established in the main sample with moderate to strong correlations with Social Support – Immediate Family ($r = .48$) and Compassion ($r = .43$) as well as Meaning Making – Other-oriented ($r = .59$) and Subjective Well-being ($r = .59$).

Scoring: Each answer category was assigned a value from 4 to 1. The total score can be a sum or mean of all the items. We used z-scores of the scale score in our analyses. Higher scores indicate higher generativity.

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1. I have important skills that I can pass along to others.

Mostly true about me	4
Somewhat true about me	3
A little true about me	2
Not true about me	1

2. Many people come to me for advice.

Mostly true about me	4
Somewhat true about me	3
A little true about me	2
Not true about me	1

3. I feel that other people need me.

Mostly true about me	4
Somewhat true about me	3
A little true about me	2
Not true about me	1

4. I have had a good influence on the lives of many people.

Mostly true about me	4
Somewhat true about me	3
A little true about me	2
Not true about me	1

5. I like to teach things to people.

Mostly true about me	4
Somewhat true about me	3
A little true about me	2
Not true about me	1