

# Welcome to the City of Rochester's Youth Voice, One Vision Executive Board Application

<u>Our Vision</u>: Youth Voice, One Vision. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, is dedicated to connecting, training and advising Rochester's youth leaders, city governance, adult advisors and community stakeholders. The goal is to establish a diverse membership of youth who can provide expertise in various fields and inform and impact policies related to youth issues.

## Our Mission:

Communication, determination, respect, and teamwork: That is YVOV!

- Youth Voice, One Vision is a group of young community members who represent the voice and issues of the youth in Rochester as the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.
- We are working together to create opportunities, events, and activities that inspire change, and unite our community in a positive way!

## Our Objectives are to:

- Conduct on-going community outreach and assessments to identify youth priorities.
- Advise the Mayor, Chief of Police, Rochester Police Department command staff and other City officials on a regular basis on issues/opportunities of importance to Rochester youth (e.g. youth safety, and police-youth relations)
- Provide youth an opportunity to explore various career opportunities within the Police Department.
- Carry out youth led projects and initiatives to impact community change.

# **Annual Events:**

- Steppin' Up To Solutions (SUTS) Youth Conference: YVOV R-center Executive Board and other youth leadership groups attend various workshops and present on their Service Learning Project.
- End of the Year Trip
- Laser Tron(end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)





# **Description of Executive Board**

# **Executive Committee**

Are you interested in learning more about the inner workings of City Hall? Are you ready to help build an action plan to help bring the priorities and concerns of youth in the City of Rochester to the forefront of community conversations? Are you interested in helping clarify the communication between the adults and youth of Rochester? Then join our team. While part of this team you will have the opportunity to:

- Facilitate Youth Voice, One Vision Full Council Meetings for 60+ young people
- Plan and facilitate the County-wide annual youth leadership conference Steppin' Up to Solutions (Collaboration with Professors/Students of the Community Youth Development Program at Nazareth College).
- Interact and share information with City Council Members and other elected officials
- Walking various Holiday Parades alongside the Mayor/ City Officials
- Act as a liaison between R-centers and leadership groups
- Create and announce City-wide resolutions that support youth

#### Qualifications:

- Currently or previously a member of a youth leadership group that is civically engaged in Rochester.
- Ages 13-19
- Able to make a two-year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for 2 monthly meetings on Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Available for a 2-day orientation Retreat

#### Notes:

Transportation to and from meetings will not be provided. No prior experience developing strategies or action plans needed. Training will be provided.

# **Community Engagement Committee:**

Do you have a strong sense of community? Are you willing to support Rochester's growth through fun and engaging activities and learning experiences? Joining the Community Engagement Committee is a step towards advancement through:

• Planning and organizing various events, networking activities, and quadrant trainings for adults and youth

#### **Qualifications:**

- Ages 13-19
- Able to make a two-year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for 2-3 monthly meetings on Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Available for a 2-day orientation Retreat

#### Notes:

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# Public Safety Committee (Rochester Police Department)

Are you interested in learning more about the inner workings of the Rochester Police Department and the Criminal Justice System as a whole? Are you interested in being a part of the solution when it comes to issues affecting the criminal justice system and working to bring solutions in the ongoing effort to improve police-youth relations in the City of Rochester? Then join our team. Selection to this committee will be based on residency within the various quadrants of the City of Rochester. While part of this team you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet with local law enforcement leaders around the Greater Rochester Area.
- Meet with leaders from the criminal justice system and have the opportunity to lend a voice creating solutions to issues identified.
- Learn about career opportunities within the Rochester Police Department and related fields in the criminal justice system.
- Serve your community by being a youth representative and having the opportunity to advise the Rochester Police Chief on issues affecting our city.

## Qualifications:

- Ages 13-19
- Able to make a two-year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for monthly meetings on Zoom or at the Training Center or Public Safety Building
- Available for a 2-day orientation Retreat

#### Notes:

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# JOIN YOUTH VOICE, ONE VISION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### Instructions

Applicants must live or be civically engaged within the City of Rochester and be between the ages of 13-19 (as of September 30, 2022). All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. If interested, complete this application & submit to:

Youth Voice One Vision
Department of Recreation and Human Services
57 St Paul St
Rochester, NY 14604

Interviews will be held in August. Call Tremain Harris; (585) 428-6360, with questions.





Appli	cant	Informati	ion
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Name:		Birth Date://
Phone #:		
Address:		Zip:
Are you currently a member	of a Youth Leadership Group?	
NO	YES:	
Where did you get this Appl	ication?	
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## **Short Answer**

Answer the following questions based on your personal opinions and ideas. Please limit each response to 100 words or less. 1.) In your opinion, what is the most critical issue facing Rochester's young people? 2.) Which of the Youth Voice, One Vision's leadership committees would you like to join? Why? (See descriptions of each committee) 3.) Why do you believe you would be a good candidate for one of Youth Voice, One Vision's executive board? What perspective will you bring?





Short Answer 3(continued)		
4.) What is your perception on Police and youth relations in the City?		
5.) How would you bridge the gap between Police and youth in the City?		





## **Applicant Statement**

I hereby certify that the information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of this information for verification purposes and understand it will be used to process my application. Additionally, I can commit to attending weekly Youth Voice, One Vision executive board meetings. Signature of applicant Date Parent/Guardian Statement (if under the age of 18) \_\_\_\_to seek the position of I give permission for \_\_\_ Youth Voice, One Vision executive board member. I will support his/her attendance at weekly meetings and participation in Youth Voice, One Vision activities and projects. Signature of parent Date Youth Leadership Group Advisor Statement (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ in seeking a position of I support one of the three Youth Voice, One Vision executive board. I will support his/her attendance at weekly meetings and participation in Youth Voice, One Vision activities and projects. Print name: Youth Leadership Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: Signature of Youth Leadership Group Advisor: Date: For Office Use Only Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_



Received by: \_\_\_\_\_