



Youth Voice One Vision
The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Welcome to the City of Rochester's Youth Voice, One Vision Leadership Team Application

Our Vision: 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 criminal justice system.
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- Carry out youth led projects and initiatives to impact community change.

Annual Events:

- Steppin' Up To Solutions (SUTS) Youth Conference: The top 3 proposals from Youth Leadership Groups are awarded money, at SUTS, to conduct a Service Learning Project. (November)
- Roc Stars Talent Show (April)
- Beach Bash (July)
- Project TIPS (Trust, Information, Programs, Services) - Event occurs four times a year (May, June, July, August) in each quadrant of the city. Community Agencies and law enforcement personnel working in selected neighborhoods to rebuild trust amongst residents and share information.
- Youth-Police Academy (youth would have the opportunity to experience an abbreviated police academy)



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Description of Leadership Teams

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:

- Create and formalize a Youth Master Plan for the 2019-20 School year and beyond
- 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)
- Interact and share information with City Council Members and other elected officials
- Walking various Holiday Parades alongside the Mayor
- Act as a liaison between R-centers and leadership groups
- Create and announce City-wide resolutions that support youth

Qualifications:

- Currently a member of a youth leadership group that is civically engaged in Rochester
- 14-19 years old
- Able to make a two year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for 2-3 monthly meetings on Wednesdays from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Available for a 2-day orientation Retreat in mid-October

Notes:

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

Event Planning Committee

Do you have an urge to team up with other outstanding youth leaders throughout the City? Do you believe that "Fun with a Purpose" is key in strengthening and supporting our cities young leaders? Then join our team. While part of this team you will have the opportunity to:

- Plan and facilitate networking events for youth leaders to allow them to share their successes and build relationships
- Plan and facilitate the County-wide annual youth leadership conference Steppin' Up to Solutions
- Plan annual Lunch event w/ City Hall or similar informal connection between youth/adults

Qualifications:

- 12-19 years old
- Able to make a two year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for 2-3 monthly meetings on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 PM
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Service Learning Committee

Do you have a passion for helping people? Do you want to give back to your community? Do you want to create service learning projects with other youth? Then join our team. While part of this team you will have the opportunity to:

- Plan and facilitate networking events for youth leaders to allow them to share their successes and build relationships
- Assist various youth leadership groups with their service learning projects
- Create service learning projects for youth in your community
- Learn and teach other youth about service learning

Qualifications:

- 12-19 years old
- Able to make a two year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for 2-3 monthly meetings on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 PM
- Available for a 2-day orientation Retreat in mid-October

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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:

- 12-19 years old
- Able to make a two year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for bi-monthly meetings
- Available for a 2-day orientation Retreat in mid-October

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JOIN YOUTH VOICE, ONE VISION'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

Instructions

Applicants must live or be civically engaged within the City of Rochester and be between the ages of 12-19 (as of August 31, 2017). All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. If interested, complete this application & submit by July 1, 2019 to:

Youth Voice, One Vision
Department of Recreation and Youth Services
200 West Avenue
Rochester, NY 14611

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

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/_____

School: _____ Grade (Fall 2019): _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Are you currently a member of a Rochester Youth Leadership Group?

NO

YES

Where did you get this Application? _____

Applicant Experience (if applicable)

Please list your most recent jobs, and/or volunteer experience. Include organizations and club participation.

1.) Name of Organization: _____

Position Held: _____ Period of Involvement: _____

Hours per Week: _____ Name of Reference: _____

Phone Number/Contact Info: _____

2.) Name of Organization: _____

Position Held: _____ Period of Involvement: _____

Hours per Week: _____ Name of Reference: _____

Phone Number/Contact Info: _____



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Applicant Experience (Continued)

3.) Name of Organization: _____

Position Held: _____ Period of Involvement: _____

Hours per Week: _____ Name of Reference: _____

Phone Number/Contact Info: _____

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)



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Short Answer (Continued)

3.) Why do you believe you would be a good candidate for one of Youth Voice, One Vision's leadership teams? What perspective will you bring?

4.) What is your perception on Police and youth relations in the City?



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Short Answer (Continued)

5.) How would you bridge the gap between Police and youth in the City?





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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 leadership team meetings.

Signature of applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian Statement (if under the age of 18)

I give permission for _____ to seek the position of Youth Voice, One Vision leadership team member. I will support his/her attendance at weekly meetings and participation in Youth Voice, One Vision activities and projects.

Signature

Date

Advisor Statement (if applicable)

I support _____ in seeking a position of one of the three Youth Voice, One Vision leadership teams. 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: _____

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Date Received: _____

Received by: _____