



City of Santa Clara

YOUTH COMMISSION TERM APPLICATION

2017-2018

What is the Youth Commission responsible for?

- To act in an advisory capacity to the City of Santa Clara City Council on matters pertaining to the youth and teen population, especially as related to municipal programs and projects of the City.
- Foster increased involvement in the affairs of municipal government.
- Study problems and hold forums on issues, activities and concerns of Santa Clara youth.
- Recommend the implementation of community programs which the Youth Commission deems desirable.
- Review municipal matters referred to the Youth Commission by the City Council, or by other City of Santa Clara Commissions, and make recommendations on such matters.
- Perform other related functions assigned to them by the City Council.

What are some of the Youth Commission's accomplishments?

- Successfully recommended the development of the Santa Clara Skate Park, which opened in September 1999.
- Successfully recommended the development of a Teen Center, which opened in January 2003.
- Offers Community Service Scholarships to high school juniors and graduating seniors.
- Volunteer at a variety of City-wide sponsored events.
- Created Santa Clara's Got Talent a community-wide talent show for all ages.
- Created the Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Feed raising money for local non-profit organizations.

How long can I serve as a Youth Commissioner?

The Youth Commission shall consist of up to fifteen members. Members will need to commit to a one-year term (September – May), but may serve up to four terms.

When and where are Youth Commission meetings?

The Youth Commission typically meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, September through May, at the Santa Clara Teen Center, located at 2446 Cabrillo Avenue in Santa Clara. The meetings take place from approximately 6:00-8:00 PM.

What are the requirements to be a Youth Commissioner?

- Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Clara.
- Youth ages 12-19 years of age will be sought for membership.
- Members of the Youth Commission shall not hold any paid office or employment in the City of Santa Clara government during their term(s).

What is the application process?

- Complete and return the application to the Teen Center by **Monday, March 13, 2017 by 6:00 PM.**
- Submit one, signed letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor, counselor, or coach.
- An informational meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13 at 6:00 PM** at the Teen Center.
- Please schedule an interview time no later than **Monday, March 20.** Time slots will be given on a first come first serve basis. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.
- All interviews will take place in person, on **Saturday, March 25** at the Teen Center.

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First and Last Name _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address: _____

What school will you attend this fall? _____ What grade will you be in this fall? _____

How did you hear about Youth Commission? _____

Why do you want to become a member of the Youth Commission? _____

What strengths would you contribute to the Youth Commission? _____

Please list some of the extracurricular activities you have been involved with. _____

Please list some of your recent community service involvement. _____

Applicant: I, _____ (applicant name) verify that the information I have included on this application is accurate. All information provided is subject to verification. False, inaccurate, or ineligible applications will be disqualified.

Parent/Guardian: I, _____ (parent/guardian name) understand that my child has applied for the Santa Clara Youth Commission and has my express permission.