City of Santa Clara
YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION
2014-2015

Complete and return the attached application along with one letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor, counselor or coach to the Teen Center by 7:00pm on Monday, March 24, 2014. **A mandatory parent/applicant meeting will be held at the Teen Center on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00pm.** All interviews will take place in person, on Saturday, April 5 at the Teen Center, located at 2446 Cabrillo Avenue. Please call no later than April 2 to schedule your interview time. Time slots will be given on a first come first serve basis. No exceptions will be made for the interview date. For additional information contact Jennifer Herb at (408) 615-3740.

Name _____ Email address _____

Street address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Age _____

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

How did you hear about the Youth Commission? _____

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

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What strengths could you contribute to the Youth Commission? _____

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

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Please list your community service involvement throughout your lifetime. _____

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I, _____ verify that the information I have included on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
applicant

I, _____, am aware that my child has applied and may be accepted to serve on the Santa Clara Youth Commission
parent

Signature _____ Date _____

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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 a Skate Park in Santa Clara, which opened in September, 1999
- Successfully recommended the development of a high school Teen Center, which opened in January, 2003
- Offers Community Service Scholarships to high school juniors and graduating seniors
- Co-host an annual Youth Commissioners' leadership conference
- Respond to children's letters to Santa Claus every December
- Arrange special events for teens at the Teen Center
- Volunteer at a variety of City-wide sponsored events (i.e. Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival, Halloween Party, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Easter Egg Hung)
- 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 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 6:00-8:30pm.

What are the requirements to be a Youth Commissioner?

- Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Clara
- Young people 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
- As a minimum, the Youth Commission membership should consist of at least one representative from each middle and high school in Santa Clara (i.e. Buchser Middle school, Cabrillo Middle School, Santa Clara High School, Wilcox High School).

What is the application process?

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