

Pomona Youth Advisory Committee



-----Who We Are-----

As the official youth advisory committee for the City of Pomona; we outreach to Pomona youth to identify unmet needs of youth, advocate youth policies, organize youth in community service learning activities, and partner with civic, community and school groups to organize local youth led civic events.

-----Our Mission Statement-----

The mission of the Pomona Youth Advisory Committee is to create a strong voice for youth who are interested in becoming leaders through governance and civic learning. We engage youth and young adults to participate in city wide activities that improve themselves and their community.

-----What we do-----

The 15 member Pomona Youth Advisory Committee (PYAC) is governed by the Brown Act and offers leadership, public presentation, facilitation training plus organizes youth civic engagement activities under the following committees: **Cultural Peace**- promotes activities for cultural understanding and racial unity, **Youth In Government** - educating youth on voting, voter registration and **Resources for Youth** - supports the Youth and Family Master Plan implementation.

Accomplishments (2003-Present)

- Organized the Peace Quilt project involving 400 Pomona Youth in partnership with Project LEADS.
- Produced the MLK Non Violence Video project with Cal-Poly Pomona University Students.
- Participated in Project Sister's Educational Video "Fall Out" on Date Violence Prevention.
- Trained as Cultural Diversity Conflict Mediators under the Colorful Flags program.
- Advocated for the development and implementation of the Youth and Family Master Plan.
- Organized 3 voter education events and the 3rd annual Youth In Government event with Pomona City Clerk.
- Organized the 3rd annual Pomona Youth Leadership Network Dinner with 75 youth and adult mentors.
- In the top ten in L.A. County for number of youth recruited for the County Student Poll Worker Training.
- Recipients of the 2007 John Anson Ford Award by the LA County Human Relations Commission.
- Recipients of the 2008 Pomona Associated Teachers' Award for Youth Leadership & Community Activism.
- Supported the development of the Diversity and Social Justice Class at Pomona High School.
- PYAC members were involved in the development and advocacy of the "Is Anybody Listening" Video.

Benefits of Involvement

- Civic leadership training and job experience on how local governments operate.
- **If appointed** you receive monthly stipend after completing 16 hours of community service.
- For volunteers not officially appointed you can complete required community service hours.
- Access to scholarship information, educational and job opportunities.
- Letters of recommendation from Civic officials and build your resume for future jobs.
- Admission to local sponsored Youth and Community Events.

But most of all...You will make a difference in your community!!!

-----How to Apply-----

- You must live in Pomona and attend a High School in Pomona or outside Pomona,
- While any High School or Middle School youth may attend meetings or volunteer, only H.S. youth who are Pomona residents can be officially appointed and you must be able to meet, after school, once per week on Mondays for 2 hours throughout the year. Meeting place is at the Pomona Public Library.

Please pick up, complete and return the application to Community Services Department. Applications are reviewed by a committee who will select youth for interviews. Mayor and Council members make final appointments for mayor select and district seats. For information and applications: **Contact Andrea Rico at (909) 620-2120.**

In your free time you like to?

Briefly explain your interest in participating in a youth governance body (Youth Advisory Committee) or specifically what qualifies you for this appointment. Use a separate sheet if necessary. (Refer to cover sheet)

a. What skills and qualities do you think you can bring to the Youth Advisory Committee?

b. What do you see as the goal of the Youth Advisory Committee and what could you do to help achieve that goal?

c. What are some goals you would like to accomplish?

d. Tell us about yourself and why you feel you would make a good Youth Committee Member.

Parents / Legal Guardian

Your Daughter / Son is seeking to serve on the official City of Pomona Youth Advisory Committee. This is a public community service position that offers a small stipend to selected youth for 16 hours of service a month. **This is not youth employment**, but instead an after school youth leadership opportunity operated by the Community Services Department and Non- Profit Partner Community Wellness Partnership of Pomona.

Please sign below acknowledging your permission for your child to participate in this special city committee. For more information, feel free to contact Andrea Rico at (909) 620-2120.

Signature of Youth

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date