

Mission and Vision

MISSION

The mission of the Youth Advisory Board is to advise City Council and City staff on issues affecting youth. The Board will gather youth concerns and help identify possible solutions. The Board will help youth connect to services that benefit them and may sponsor events and activities to provide information on city programs, youth development, higher education, and youth health and employment.

VISION

The Youth Advisory Board will be recognized as a voice for all youth in the City of Fort Worth and as a resource for decision-makers. The community will value youth and recognize them for their skills, abilities, and contributions to the city.



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Community Relations Department
Youth Advisory Board
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

City of Fort Worth

Fort Worth Youth Advisory Board



Advising City Council
and staff on important
issues affecting youth

Activities

Youth Town Hall

The Youth Advisory Board hosts an annual Youth Town Hall to gather information about issues of concern to youth and to encourage youth to become active citizens of their community. At past Youth Town Halls, youth felt they were encouraged to express their opinions and felt their voices were really heard. Youth also felt Council members and city officials were genuinely concerned.

Youth have had the opportunity to express their opinions on issues such as youth employment, teen curfew, transportation, and youth activities and events. The Youth Advisory Board uses the findings from the Youth Town Hall to guide its work each year.

Community Service

The Youth Advisory Board believes in service to the community and has demonstrated its



commitment in the following ways:

Youth Board members paint a house for Cowtown Brush Up.

- Accepted Proclamations for National Youth Service Days
- Participated in Cowtown Brush Up
- Participated in Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Annual Job Fair
- Participated in Main Street Arts Festival
- Served on local and national committees on youth issues

State and National Conferences

The Youth Advisory Board travels to statewide and national conferences to explore what other youth boards or commissions are doing in their home cities. In the past, Board members have traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, and Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as La Porte and Denison in Texas.

Goals of the Youth Advisory Board

1. Serve as a **resource for ideas and concerns** for youth, including providing City Council and staff information about youth issues and opportunities for youth to gather to discuss issues affecting them.
2. Promote city's **youth activities and events** among youth, including being a clearinghouse for youth issues, ideas, and events, as well as advocating form more youth events.
3. Promote the contributions of youth as **volunteers**, including increasing the awareness and availability of volunteer opportunities in the City.
4. Increase awareness of **employment opportunities**, including providing information about employment rights of youth.
5. Increase awareness of **educational opportunities**, including promoting the importance of education for youth.



Co-Chairs welcome youth to Youth Town Hall.

Becoming a Member

Fort Worth Youth Advisory Board members are appointed by Mayor and City Council. To be considered for appointment to the Fort Worth Youth Advisory Board, youth must:

- Live in the Fort Worth city limits
- Be between the ages of 14-18 and/or be enrolled in high school
- Complete the application, which can be completed online at www.fortworthgov.org/crd, or requested by calling 817-392-8444



Youth Board members at the Texas Municipal League statewide conference.

Benefits of Becoming a Member

- Represent your community
- Gain vital leadership skills
- Make a difference by addressing issues and concerns affecting youth
- Advise Mayor & City Council on handling issues affecting youth

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