



City of Fort Worth Youth Advisory Board

Mission/

Purpose: The mission of the Youth Advisory Board is to advise the City Council and City staff on issues important to 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 Fort Worth 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 respect them for their skills, abilities, and contributions to the city. Through activities sponsored by the Youth Advisory Board, youth will have opportunities to learn and to educate others about issues of interest to youth and the community.

Goals: 2005-2008

1. Be a **resource for ideas and concerns of youth**
 - a. Provide City Council and staff with information about youth issues.
 - b. Provide opportunities for youth to gather to discuss issues affecting them.
 - c. Increase awareness among youth of important issues in the city.
 - d. Participate in opportunities to learn from other youth.

2. Promote city's **youth activities and events** among youth.
 - a. Become a clearinghouse for youth issues, ideas, and events.
 - b. Advocate for more youth events in the City of Fort Worth.

3. Promote the contributions of youth as **volunteers**
 - a. Promote youth volunteer service;
 - b. Increase awareness of and availability of opportunities for youth in the City of Fort Worth to become involved in service projects.
 - c. Participate in youth-centered and community service projects.

4. Increase awareness of **employment opportunities**
 - a. Provide information about employment rights of youth.
 - b. Promote trainings on how to get a job and the skills needed to be successful at one.
 - c. Provide opportunities to help connect youth to employment.

5. Increase awareness of **educational opportunities**
 - a. Promote the importance of education for youth – high school and beyond.
 - b. Provide opportunities for youth to gain knowledge about higher educational opportunities.

6. Increase the **visibility of the Youth Advisory Board.**
 - a. Position the Youth Advisory Board to become a prominent voice to the City Council, City staff, and the community.
 - b. Build community awareness across all age groups of the Youth Advisory Board's activities, advocacy efforts, and capacities to promote youth.



CITY OF FORT WORTH – YOUTH VOLUNTEER FORM

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Date: _____

Youth Signature

Address City Zip

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I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____.
I consent without reservation, to the above and foregoing on behalf of him/her.

Date: _____

Signature of Parent of Guardian

Address City Zip

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