

# 2018 - 2019 MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION



## 2017 - 2018 Commission Members

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## ABOUT MYC

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The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) is the official youth policy body to the Multnomah County Board and Portland City Council. This diverse group of youth (ages 13-21) live, work, attend school, or attend an out-of-school program in Multnomah County or the City of Portland. Youth commissioners provide advice about the decisions the City & County make that affect young people. They also strive to advocate for a youth agenda of positive policy changes, guided by “**Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth**”, the nation’s first Bill of Rights written for and by young people. Providing a voice for our community’s youth, the MYC is supported and funded by Multnomah County Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE) and the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI).

**Decisions are made every day that affect the lives of young people, many times with little or no input from those impacted by the decisions. The purpose of the MYC is to involve youth in all levels of community decision-making.**

## DUTIES

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Youth Commissioners participate as non-paid volunteers.

***Two types of member positions are available: Voting and At-Large***

### **VOTING MEMBERS:**

- Commit 15 hours per month to MYC activities including meetings in Portland and East County on two Sundays of every month from 4:30-7:30pm and one after-school meeting per week.
- Attend all meetings of the MYC and be ready to participate and work as a group.
- Assist in creating a work plan for attaining the strategic goals established during the past term and at the 2018-2019 Youth Commission Fall retreat.
- Ensure that the MYC, and its subcommittees, complete assigned duties within the work plan, on time, and make progress on each of the strategic goals.
- Seek the opinions, thoughts, and ideas of community youth to inform MYC activities.

### **AT-LARGE MEMBERS:**

- Follow all the same duties as voting members, but have less demanding attendance and time commitments. At-Large members are required to commit 7 hours per month to MYC activities.

*The MYC selection committee will determine which position is most appropriate for individual applicants.*

## REQUIREMENTS

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- Must live, work, go to school, or attend an out-of-school program in Multnomah County or the City of Portland.
- Strong communication skills *and* openness to continued growth in this area.
- Willingness to respectfully handle conflict and *address oppression in all its various forms*.
- Willingness to work in partnership with both youth and adults; and ensure that both youth and adults feel valued and respected.
- Ability to attend meetings in various locations and settings across the City and County.
- Ability to actively participate in Commission activities and complete all tasks assigned.
- Ability to learn City/County systems and departments and an ability to work with those systems to affect positive change for youth (we provide the training for this).

### IMPORTANT NOTE!

MYC works to minimize barriers to participation for all members.

**Need a TriMet pass to get around?** *We'll help with that!*

**Hungry?** *We provide food at (almost) all meetings!*

**Broke?** *ALL MYC activities are at NO COST to you!*

**Never been involved in leadership activities before?** *No problem!*

**Don't know anything (yet) about City and County governance but really passionate about making change in our community?** *MYC will help you gain the knowledge and skills!*

Youth commissioners **ARE** selected based on passion for making change, dedication to improving our community, and bringing unique perspective and voice to the work...

Youth commissioners are **NOT** selected based on grades, school attendance, extra curricular involvement, academic skills, or previous leadership experience.



# APPLICATION 2018-2019

Application (including recommendations) due by:

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 by 5:00pm**

You can submit online, mail, fax, or email to:

**Multnomah Youth Commission**

ATTN: Erika Molina Rodriguez

10317 E Burnside, Portland, OR 97216

[multnomahyouth@gmail.com](mailto:multnomahyouth@gmail.com)

[www.ourcommission.org](http://www.ourcommission.org)

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**If handwritten, please USE BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY**

NAME _____	PRONOUNS _____	
ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
EMAIL _____		
CELL PHONE _____	HOME PHONE _____	
AGE _____	BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YY) _____	
<b>If you are in school...</b>		
Which SCHOOL will you attend in Fall 2018? _____		
What GRADE will you be in? <b>7   8   9   10   11   12   College   Home-school</b>		
<b>If you are not in school...</b>		
What are your plans for Fall 2018? _____		
<b>How did you hear about the MYC? Check all that apply.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Email	
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred by other youth commissioner...Who? _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social media...Which? _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other...Where? _____		

**CURRENT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS WILL REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION. PLEASE GIVE SINCERE AND HEARTFELT RESPONSES. THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF YOUR APPLICATION IS THAT YOU BE YOURSELF. WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU!**

Please answer the following 4 questions in *no more than 1 page* (front & back).

**TYPED or USING BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY**

You can use the lined sheets of paper provided (next page) or you can attach you own paper.

- 1.** Please share with us some of the issues that are important to you or young people you know. Share any community service or advocacy you have done around these issues. (It's ok if you haven't done any community service or advocacy before. No worries!)
- 2.** Why do you want to be a member of the Youth Commission? Please describe any communities you represent or could help engage in the work of the MYC.
- 3.** Commissioners are required to commit at least 15 hours per month (7 hours for At-Large members), including attending meetings in Portland & East County (Gresham) on two Sundays of every month from 4:30-7:30pm and one afternoon meeting per week. Members are only allowed to miss three MYC Sunday meetings in a 6-month period. Describe other school or community activities you are involved in and how will you balance your schedule in order to honor the commitment to the MYC.
- 4.** Please share something about yourself that you have not already shared. What else would you like us to know about you? Your response to this question (and your whole application) will be shared with MYC's staff and selection committee, but will be otherwise confidential.

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you are under the age of 18 please have your parent or legal guardian sign so we know they are notified of your application to the Youth Commission).*

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_









**ALL QUALIFYING MYC APPLICANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED.**  
***It's a group interview and it's fun!***

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM TO TELL US WHICH INTERVIEW YOU WILL ATTEND.**  
***Submission of form AND attendance at your interview are REQUIRED.***

## **YOUTH COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

Check **ONE** (and mark your calendar)

**SATURDAY MAY 12, 2018**  
**10:00am- 12:00pm**  
**Gresham Schools Building**  
**1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham**

Yes! I will attend this interview

**SATURDAY MAY 12, 2018**  
**2:00pm- 4:00pm**  
**Portland City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lovejoy Room**  
**1221 SW Fourth Ave, Portland**

Yes! I will attend this interview

If you are unable to attend either of the Saturday interviews or you miss your scheduled interview, a make-up interview is scheduled for

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**  
**4:30-6:30pm**  
**421 SW Oak St, Portland**

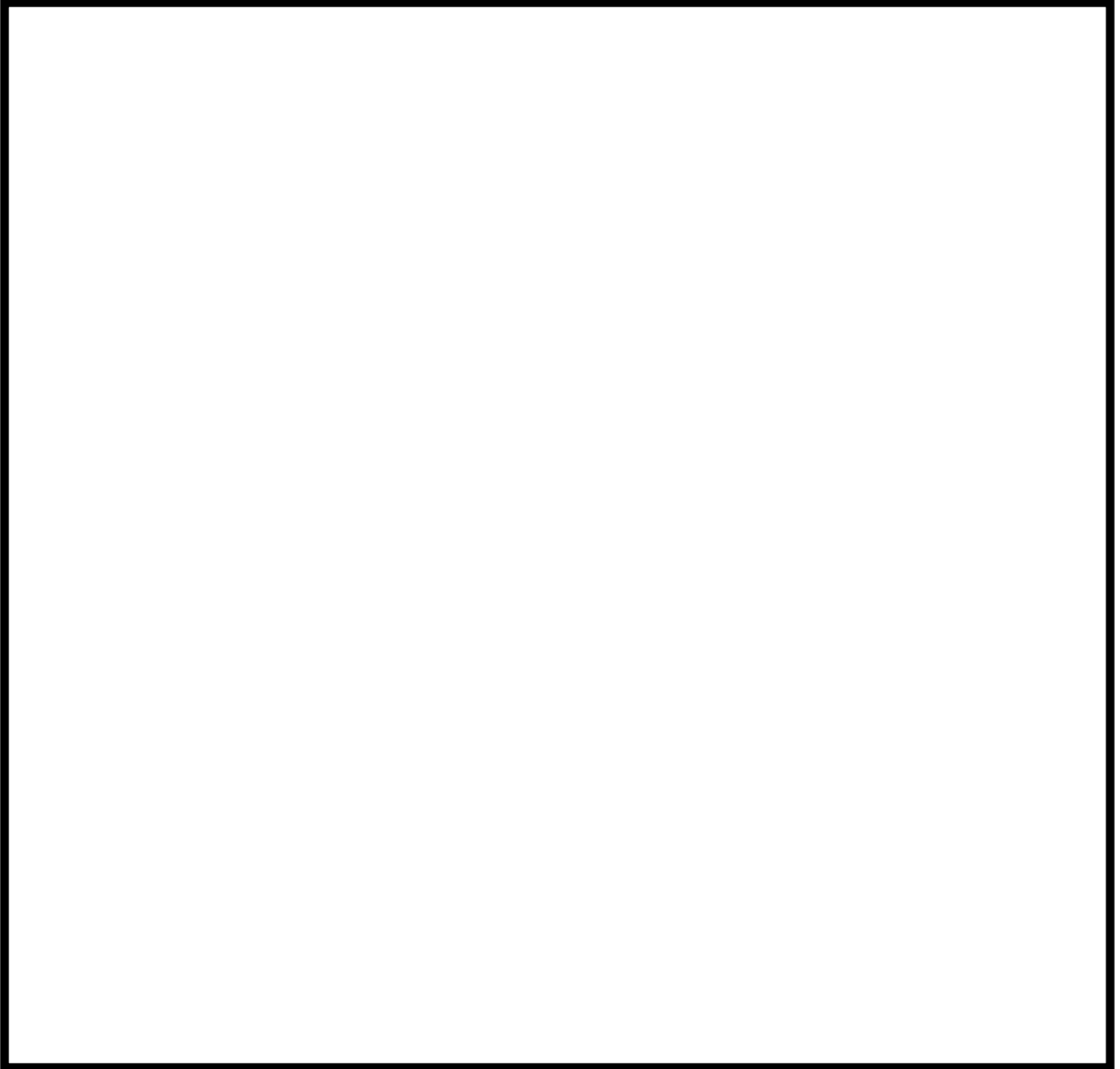
I can't do Saturday, I will interview on Tuesday

You will be notified by May 31 if you are selected to serve as a Youth Commissioner for the 2018-19 term. A celebration for new commissioners is planned for June 3, 2018 at the Gresham Schools Building. Mark your calendar, in case you are selected!



- YOUR LAST TASK -

***DO ANYTHING YOU WANT WITH THE BOX BELOW...  
EXCEPT IGNORE IT!***





# REFERENCE #1

*To the applicant:* Your MYC application requires references from TWO people. We encourage you to submit one reference from a PEER (another young person you know—maybe a classmate or teammate or someone you know from another program you are a part of) and one reference from and ADULT (could be a teacher, counselor, mentor, etc). IF you can't get one peer and one adult, you can submit two peer references OR two adult references. PLEASE BE SURE TO GET TWO REFERENCES! References cannot be someone you are related to.

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<b>APPLICANT'S INFO</b>		
APPLICANT NAME _____		
<b>RECOMMENDER INFO</b>		
NAME _____	DATE _____	
ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
EMAIL _____		
CELL PHONE _____	HOME PHONE _____	
How long have you known the applicant?		
What is your relationship to the applicant?		

**\*\*Please complete the reference questions found on the following page\*\***

## ***REFERENCE #1 - Questions***

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICANT.  
YOU CAN ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NEEDED.**

MYC needs members who are dependable and will follow through on commitments. Please describe the dependability of the applicant.

MYC needs both leaders and team members. Please describe a time when this applicant either demonstrated leadership or ability to follow direction. Describe the applicant's teamwork style.

What are some of the applicant's strengths? Describe a time when you saw the applicant demonstrate one of these strengths.

# REFERENCE #2

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## DID YOU REMEMBER TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED PARTS OF THE APPLICATION?

- APPLICATION PAGE (PERSONAL INFO) (page 5)
- SIGNATURES (PAGE 6)
- RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS #1 - 4 (pages 7 & 8 or your own sheet of paper)
- INTERVIEW DATE SELECTION (page 9)
- "THE BOX" (page 10)
- REFERENCE #1 (pages 11 & 12)
- REFERENCE #2 (pages 13 & 14)

***Want to see MYC in action? We have two upcoming events you can attend!***

**Youth Candidate Forum**

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Check in at 5:30, event 6:00 to 8:00pm

at Madison High School

2735 NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave

**Youth-led Know Your Rights Immigration Event**

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Check in at 11:45am, event 12:00pm to 5:00pm

at Rosewood Initiative

16126 SE Stark St.

To RSVP or learn more info about either event, visit our Website at [www.ourcommission.org](http://www.ourcommission.org)