



MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION 2020-2021



2019 - 2020 Commission Members

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To complete the application online, go to: www.ourcommission.org/apply



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ABOUT MYC

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, and/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 Community and Civil Life.

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

Youth commissioners are **NOT** selected based on grades, school attendance, extra curricular involvement, academic skills, or previous leadership experience. Youth commissioners **ARE** selected based on passion for making change, dedication to improving our community, and bringing unique perspective and voice to the work.

Two types of member positions are available: Voting and At-Large. The MYC selection committee will determine which position is most appropriate for individual applicants. Youth Commissioners participate as non-paid volunteers.

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, be engaged, and work as a group.
- Assist in creating a work plan for attaining the strategic goals established during the past term and at the 2020-2021 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. Sunday meeting attendance is expected.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must live, work, go to school, or attend an out-of-school program in Multnomah County or the City of Portland.
- Willingness to improve communication skills *and* openness to continued growth in this area.
- Respectfully address conflict and oppression in all its various forms.
- Work in partnership with both youth and adults; and ensure that both youth and adults feel valued and respected.
- Attend meetings in various locations and settings across the City and County.
- Actively participate in Commission activities and complete all tasks assigned.
- Willingness 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 got you!*

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!*

APPLICATION 2020-2021

Application (including recommendations) due by:

Monday, April 20, 2020 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

www.ourcommission.org

Call/text: 971.803.2559 // Fax: 503.988.6240

NAME _____	PRONOUNS _____	GENDER _____
ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
EMAIL _____		
CELL PHONE (OR PRIMARY PHONE) _____		HOME PHONE _____
AGE _____	BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YY) _____	
If you are in school...		
Which SCHOOL will you attend in Fall 2020? _____		
What GRADE will you be in? 7 8 9 10 11 12 College Home-school		
If you are not in school...		
What are your plans for Fall 2020? _____		
How did you hear about the MYC? Check all that apply.		
<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? Feel free share any hobbies you have, something you are proud of or any other interest you have. Your response to this question (and your whole application) will allow us to get to know you better as a person, questions will be shared with MYC's staff and selection committee, but will be otherwise confidential.

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 9, 2020
10:00am- 12:00pm
Portland City Hall, 2nd Floor Lovejoy Room
1221 SW Fourth Ave, Portland

Yes! I will attend this interview

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2020
2:00pm- 4:00pm
Gresham Schools Building
1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham

Yes! I will attend this interview

If you are unable to attend either of the Saturday interviews or you miss your scheduled interview, an alternative interview time is scheduled for

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020
4:30-6:30pm
10225 E Burnside St, Portland

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

- 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 an 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.

To the person providing the reference: To submit this reference, you can place this form (or a letter or recommendation) in a sealed and signed envelope and give it to the applicant to submit with their application -OR- submit directly to MYC at the address or email below -OR- complete online at www.OurCommission.org/apply. Complete applications must be received **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 at 5:00pm.**

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RECOMMENDER INFO	
NAME _____	DATE _____
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____
EMAIL _____	
CELL PHONE (OR PRIMARY 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)

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You will be notified by May 31st, if you are selected to serve as a Youth Commissioner for the 2020-2021 term. A celebration for new commissioners is planned for June 7, 2020 at the Gresham Schools Building. Mark your calendar, in case you are selected!