



YOUTH APPLICATION INFORMATION

The City of Bellevue's Youth Link Board of Directors is currently accepting applications for **YOUTH** board members for the 2019-2021 term.

The purpose of the Youth Link Board of Directors is to promote diversity, unity, and equity for high school youth in Bellevue and represent the youth voice to leadership in our community. Bellevue Youth Link Board is a catalyst for responding to the interests and concerns of young people by engaging the entire community.

Youth Link Board of Directors envisions Bellevue as a city where all young people are:

- ✓ Involved
- ✓ Valued
- ✓ Respected
- ✓ Listened to
- ✓ Feel safe
- ✓ Are safe
- ✓ Can have fun!

The Youth Link Board is an advisory Board to the City Manager, City Council and has a close working relationship with the Bellevue School District Board. The impact of the Board is to enhance the quality of life for all members of the community.

The Board is comprised of a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 local high school youth AND 6 adult members from diverse backgrounds (including, but not limited to: race, ethnicity, religion, abilities, nationality, sexual orientation, and/or socio-economic). Within the youth members, preferred preferences will be given to:

- Two spots for Interlake High School Students
- Two spots for Sammamish High School Students
- Two spots for Bellevue High School Students
- Two spots for Newport High School Students
- Two spots for Big Picture and/or International
- Two spots for Private, Homeschool, or other Learning Communities

We are currently looking to fill **up to 6 YOUTH position** vacancies for a 2-year term (2019-2021). All levels of experience are welcomed, previous experience is not necessary.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our staff.

Please return this application to:
Patrick Alina or Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez
City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services
P O Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012
Patrick Alina at Palina@bellevuewa.gov
Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez at Cmartinezv@bellevuewa.gov



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST NAME _____	LAST NAME _____
RACE OR ETHNICITY (optional) _____	GENDER IDENTIFICATION (optional) _____
SCHOOL _____	GRADE FOR 2018-2019 _____
CELL PHONE _____	EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____	CITY/ZIP CODE _____

For this application: **Race** is defined as a social construction attributed to a person's physical characteristics. **Ethnicity** is defined as group identification based on similarities such as ancestry, language, history, culture, or nation.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Please describe all your leadership experiences. We define "Leadership" as any action, opportunity, or lived event which has allowed you to demonstrate actions, knowledge, skills or practices related to working well with others; supporting a cause; advocating for others; giving or taking directions/instructions; assuming responsibility; keeping commitments; volunteering; standing up for something or someone; etc.

If you need additional space to write, please submit separately.

INTEREST QUESTION

Please tell us why you are interested in becoming a Youth Link Board Member. This may include – what you have heard or know about the Youth Link Board; lived experiences; a unique perspective you feel you could bring; or possible experiences you would like to have as a member of the Board.

If you need additional space to write, please submit separately.

PERSONAL QUESTION

Please tell us about yourself. This may include: personal or family background; future goals or aspirations; what is your personality; values that are important to you; what are the important things in life; etc.

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YOUTH LINK BOARD REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the Youth Link Board you must meet the requirements and commit to the obligations listed below. **If you are unable to meet one or more of these requirements or obligations, you may still be considered for a Youth Link Board position, please tell us why you may not meet the requirements or obligations in the space provided.**

REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend a local high school (public or private)
- High school age youth (up to age 21)
- Have participated in some form of leadership such as, but not limited to: a job, school clubs, sports, babysitting younger siblings, advocacy, community involvement, attended leadership conferences, etc.

OBLIGATIONS:

- Attend the Youth Link Board Member Orientation on **Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 5:00-8:00PM at Crossroads Community Center**
- Attend the Annual Youth Link Board Retreat on **Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9:00AM-1:00PM at Crossroads Community Center**
- Attend 2 meetings per month from September to June (on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday) at different locations throughout the City of Bellevue (includes community centers and high schools)
 - First meetings scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th from 6:00-8:00PM at Crossroads Community Center**
- Notify via phone or email at least 24 hours prior to an absence from a meeting, unless it is due to an emergency
- Participate as a representative or liaison to community organizations as needed
- Attend the Annual Youth Link Board Gumbo Night, from 5:00 - 7:00PM (usually in March)
- Attend the Annual Community Leadership Awards Ceremony, from 6:00 - 8:00PM (usually in May)
- Act as a representative of the Youth Link Board at public events and in the community as needed

I, _____ (print first and last name), have read and meet the requirements to apply for a Youth Link Board position. Furthermore, I have read and understand the obligations expected of me, if I am selected as a Youth Link Board member. I agree to those obligations and to uphold this commitment to best of my abilities.

Applicant Signature

Date

If there's something that may prevent you from meeting the requirements or obligations previously listed, please tell us why?

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Link Board. We appreciate your time and dedication to this application process.

For your information, we have listed the next steps in this process:

Application deadline: Monday, July 15, 2019

In-Person interviews: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 from 9:00AM – 2:00PM at Bellevue City Hall

Our hope is to follow the dates listed above, however, this process relies on the availability of several individuals and other processes to complete the Youth Link Board member selection. Should the dates change, we will do our best to notify all applicants as soon as possible.

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