

Youth On Boards: Questions and Answer Worksheet

What is Youth on Boards?

Youth on boards is a civic engagement project of the City of Burlington's Legacy Project and its partners. This model program seeks to provide youth leaders with opportunities for representing Burlington's youth on City Commissions and Boards. Youth on Boards engages youth in developing leadership skills, contributing to building sustainable communities and sharing the wisdom and insight of young people.

Who can serve on Youth on Boards?

Any youth leader between the ages of 15-17

Why serve on Youth on Boards?

Youth on Boards is empowering and exciting! It is an opportunity for youth to represent other young people, gain leadership skills, learn about city government and committees, connect with the community and make decisions that improve the quality of life for all. By serving on Youth on Boards you allow all voices to be heard. Often times adults make decisions for the entire community. When youth are involved in decision making it helps create a community that is inclusive and supportive of all community members.

What skills, knowledge and experiences does one gain by participating on Youth on Boards?

Skills: Leadership, Decision Making, Responsibility, Team-building, and Self-efficacy, or the awareness of one's own ability to make a difference.

Knowledge: Functions of City Commissions, organizations and Boards, governance processes, your own strengths and weaknesses,

Experiences: Hands-on experience in using your voice, knowledge, insight, wisdom and values to work with adults and other community leaders to make a difference in your community.

What responsibilities and obligations does a Youth on Boards member have?

Most Commissions and Boards meet once a month with some reading to be completed ahead of time. Youth members would work with a mentor to learn the ins and outs of the commission or board they are serving. Beyond representing youth and your community in a professional and respectable manner, you would be responsible for thinking critically about community issues and processes that pertain to specific Commissions and Boards.



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