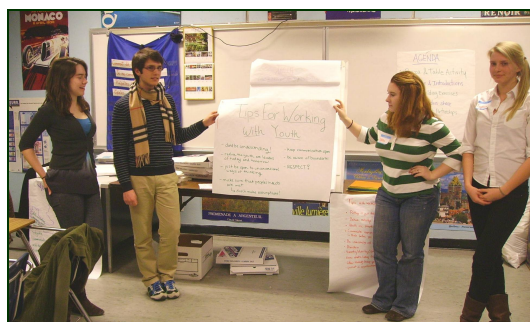


# Youth On Boards Application **2009 – 2010**

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**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Which commission/board(s) are you interested in serving on?**

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**Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Use additional paper if necessary. Thank you.**

1. Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on this commission/board.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe any background or experience you have that would help you in this position (e.g. volunteer experience, relevant interests, etc.).



## Youth City Boards and Commission Description 2010

The mission of the **Church Street Marketplace District Commission** is to provide responsible management leading to an economically successful downtown which is vibrant, clean and safe, for the benefit of the fee payers, community members and visitors.

The **Burlington Conservation Board** has the responsibility of advising the City's Development Review Board, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Council on matters that affect environmental quality, and to provide protection of our wetlands, natural areas, and environment.

The Mayor's **Energy and Environmental Coordinating Committee (E2C2)**, formed in mid-2007, and is composed of citizen representatives, government officials, and others concerned with environmental issues. E2C2 is charged with recommending projects, programs and ideas to the City Council that can improve air quality and significantly reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions, the main culprit responsible for global warming.

**Fire Commission:** the mission of the Burlington Fire Department is to provide the highest level of life and property safety through the extension of fire prevention, emergency medical services, fire control and public education services.

The **Burlington Food Council** brings together representatives from farm, food and health related organizations, and interested community members. The Food Council works to support and connect local farms, organizations and schools. The goal is to have Burlington provide up to 10% of its own food in the near future.

The **Board of Health** reviews and approves all health order requests by the Health Officers and hears and decides the first level of appeal on such orders. The Board of Health may recommend health-related rules and regulations, ordinances and policies. The Board of Health cooperates with local and state organizations to provide public discussion and education. And finally, the Board of Health considers for recommendation to the Vermont Department of Health all applicants for city Health Officers.

**Housing Authority Board Commission:** The Burlington Housing Authority is Vermont's oldest and largest municipally-based housing authority. Created in 1961, BHA has been providing affordable housing for forty years to individuals and families in the City of Burlington and surrounding communities.

The **Burlington Legacy Project Steering Committee** works to:  
-Maintain Burlington as a regional population, government, cultural, and economic center with livable wage  
jobs, full employment, social supports, and housing that matches job growth and family income

- Improve the quality of life in neighborhoods
- Increase participation in community decision-making
- Provide youth with high-quality education and social supports, and lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Preserve environmental health

The **Library Commission** is a citizen board that sets policy for the Fletcher Free Library and promotes its services. The commission serves as a forum for citizen comments about the operation of the Department and a sounding board for public opinion. Commission members serve on at least one of five standing committees including: Collections, Development, Personnel, Orientation, and Finance. Examples of decisions include: increase awareness of Library services, approves financial matters, and approves policies relating to Library materials.

**Parks and Recreation Commission:** the mission of the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance quality of life of all the citizens of Burlington and for the visitors to our community in the following ways:

- By acquiring, developing and maintaining a system of parks which offers a broad spectrum of built facilities and open spaces.
- By providing high quality, affordable recreation programs which meet the needs of all segments of the community.
- By regulating and managing public trees and property along city streets in an effort to create attractive greenspace.
- By managing the Burlington harbor and providing the necessary facilities to ensure safe and pleasurable water-based recreation opportunities.

The **Planning Commission** is comprised of 7 volunteers appointed by City Council. The Commission is responsible for developing and recommending land use and development policy for Burlington. This typically takes two forms - first, the development of plans and capacity studies (including the City Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan), and second, the development of land use regulations (subdivision bylaws, zoning regulations, etc). The board has three standing committees: Executive, Long Range Planning, and Ordinance. The Board meets twice a month and one of these sessions is typically a work session.

**The Police Commission** is a board of five citizens appointed by City Council. The duty of the commission is to make rules and regulations for the government of the police force and finances of the police department. The commission serves as a forum for citizen comments about the operation of the Department and is a sounding board for public opinion.

The **Burlington School Board** has educated almost 3,600 students in nine schools from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Twelve. Building upon our core academic strengths and our values, the Burlington Schools' vision features deep community connections, enhancements in arts, music and environmental sustainability, and increased hands-on learning.

**Social Equity Advisory Committee** The mission of the Social Equity Investment Project (SEIP) is to identify and support leadership in the community to facilitate sustainable and effective social change. The SEIP aims to move beyond the challenging and transforming crossroads of a demographically changing population by recognizing commonality and a shared vision for an equitable and sustainable community for future generations.

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