

Oakland youth leaders...

Are you ready to change Oakland??

Be a part of changing your community for the better and join the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC).

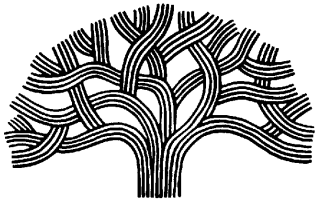
What is the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission?

The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission is a group of young people ages 13 to 21 who are appointed by the Mayor and City Council to advise city officials on important youth issues and to ensure youth representation in the legislative process. The Youth Commission empowers youth to enter the public policy arena by tackling issues important to youth like education, violence, safety, the environment, health and entertainment.

If you wish to be an official member of the youth commission, you must:

- Live in Oakland.
- Be between the ages of 13 to 21.
- Submit an application. (Follow the 5 steps needed to apply.)
- Attend General Commission meetings held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 5-7PM. (days and times may be subject to change)
- Have the time and energy and commit to join at least one of the commission committees and attend possible no more than one or two committee meetings per month, attend community events, and support other commission activities/events. (days and times may be subject to change)
- Attend mandatory trainings, including an annual weekend retreat in the summer and quarterly one-day weekend trainings throughout the school year.

Please note that while the Youth Commission collects all applications, it is the Mayor who officially appoints commissioners. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chantal Reynolds, Youth Leadership and Development Coordinator at (510) 238-3245 or creynolds@oaklandnet.com.



How to apply

City of Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission 2013-2014

STEP 1. Fill out the Commission Application.



STEP 2.

Write a 1 page cover letter to Mayor Jean Quan and City Council.

Here are a few questions to help you write our letter:

1. What is your personal history and background?
2. What are the issues and problems you feel youth face in your school and community?
3. How would you address some of these issue through the youth commission and the City of Oakland?
4. Why would you be a great addition to the youth commission? Why are you interested in joining the Youth Commission?
5. What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future?

You don't have to answer all the questions, just write a letter telling the Mayor and City Council why they should appoint you to the Commission.



STEP 3.

Create or update your resume.

On another sheet of paper, put together a 1 page resume. Resumes usually include: Name, Address, Email, Phone Number, Schools Attended from Middle School and up, Job/Volunteer Experience, Organization Affiliations, Interests, Talents and Hobbies, Honors and Awards.



STEP 4.

Fill out a Commitment

form. If you are under 18, your parents will also have to sign the form.



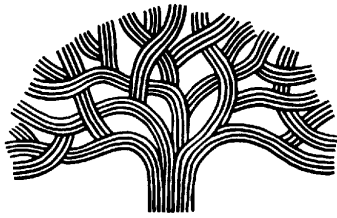
STEP 5.

Submit your application, letter, resume and commitment form to the OYAC

office. Mail, fax or email the application, statement of purpose, resume and commitment form to:

Youth Leadership & Development, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4211, Oakland, CA 94612

Email: creynolds@oaklandnet.com * Fax: (510) 238-3320 * Phone: (510) 238-3245



General Application

City of Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission 2012- 2013

General Information

Name:	_____	
Address:	_____	
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	_____	
Cell phone:	_____	
Email:	_____	
School:	Year:	
Date of Birth:	_____	

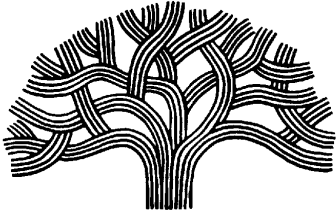
References

(References can be your teachers, an employer, a school staff member, a community member, a religious leader, etc. The references cannot be a member of your family)

	Reference	Relationship	Phone #
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

Emergency Contact Information

Parents/Guardians Print Name:	_____
Phone number(s):	_____
Alternative Contact Name:	_____
Phone number(s):	_____



Commitment Statement

City of Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission 2013-2014

Time Commitment (May be subject to revision)

General Meetings (4-6 hours a month)

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month

Meetings are from 5-7PM and Optional Dinner is from 4-5PM

Committee Meetings (2-4 hours a month)

Set-up according to members' availability

Misc. Work for the Commission (2+ hours a month minimum)

➤ Attend community meetings, complete research, various committee tasks, etc.

Attend a 2 to 4-day mandatory retreat

Attend quarterly 1-day mandatory weekend trainings

I, _____ (print name), understand the purpose and function of the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission. If accepted, I am prepared to fulfill the commitment that is asked of all members. I have discussed the time commitment with my parents or legal guardian, teachers and school administration, sport coaches and other activity directors, employer, and all others who may be affected by my involvement in the Commission. I can make a serious time commitment given my responsibilities.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____

I, the parent/legal guardian/significant adult for _____, understand the purpose and function of the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission. I support her/him in this commitment, and give permission for full participation in all activities and responsibilities pertaining to the duties of a commissioner.

Signature of Adult, if under 18 _____ Date: _____