

SF'S CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS RECRUITING YOUTH!

Do you have ideas about what young people & families
in SF need?

Have direct experience in youth programs in SF?

Want to help improve programs and services for young
people?

Want to help make sure young people have a say in how
the City invests in services for youth?

SEAT NOW OPEN FOR YOUTH AGES 19 AND UNDER.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECEIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND HAVE A
CHANCE TO EARN A \$500 ANNUAL STIPEND.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS OCTOBER 19, 2018.

Have questions or want to learn more?

Contact the SF Youth Commission at:

(415) 554-6464

Youthcom@sfgov.org



2018 APPLICATION FOR YOUTH SEAT 1 ON THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OAC)

What is the OAC?

The Children Youth and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) is an 11 member council created following the passage of Proposition C in November 2014. Proposition C approved the extension of the city's Children's Fund (now Children and Youth Fund) and Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) for 25 years.

The Children's Fund was established in 1991 and sets aside a portion of the city's property tax to provide services for young people in San Francisco, mostly through the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF). DCYF's main priority areas are in early care & education; out of school time; youth leadership, empowerment & development; family support; and violence prevention and intervention.

The Oversight and Advisory Committee includes three seats for youth members: Two members age 19 or under, and one seat for a transitional age youth age 18-24.

Members of the OAC are responsible for:

- Reviewing the budget, governance, and policies of DCYF
- Monitoring and participating in the administration of the Children and Youth Fund
- Taking steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community

In short, members of the OAC make sure that the Children and Youth fund is put to the purpose that voters intended—providing the children and youth of San Francisco with high quality services and programs; and that the community has a say in decision-making about how the fund will be used.

“What is the time commitment? Is the position paid?”

The role will require a regular commitment of 5 hours a month, with extra time needed during some months. This includes:

- OAC meetings and OAC subcommittee meetings take place at least 6 times a year, but usually monthly, in the evening
- You will receive support and training from Youth Commission staff via monthly check-ins to prepare for upcoming meetings and OAC business

- Two daytime weekend retreats with Youth Commissioners to connect and build skills with other youth leaders in city government. Retreat Re held Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend and Martin Luther King, Jr.
- There would be a \$500 stipend for OAC attendance and participation. The annual stipend will be distributed in two halves, once in February, and once in July.
- The term for the seat is three years. If you are interested but have questions or concerns about the length of the term, please ask!

Who is eligible to join the OAC?

1. Must live in the City and County of San Francisco
2. Seat 1 (vacant) must be a youth 19 years old or younger at the time of appointment.
3. Seat 2 (filled) must be a youth 19 years old or younger at the time of appointment.
4. Seat 7 (filled) must be a transitional age youth 18 through 24 years of age who is familiar with challenges faced by disconnected transitional-age youth, including those who are: homeless; have dropped out of high school; disabled; familiar with substance abuse issues; low-income parents; undocumented; new immigrant and/or English Learners; LGBTQQ; transitioning from foster care; or involved in the juvenile justice, criminal justice, or special education systems.
5. Must possess a social security number

A strong candidate will possess:

- Knowledge of and direct experience with after-school, summer, and youth-focused programs in San Francisco
- Interest in making systems and organizations work well and a desire to see that youth are being served well by the Children's Fund
- A passion for youth-inclusion in decision making
- Awareness of, and connection to, the diverse experiences of youth in San Francisco

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit a complete application to the Youth Commission (by fax, email, regular mail or in person) before October 19, 2018. Applications will be accepted until the seat is filled, but the first review of applications to date will take place on October 24, 2018.

A complete application will contain:

- ☐ **Completed and signed OAC Youth Applicant Information Form** (*below*)
- ☐ **Short Essay Question Responses** (*to questions below*)
- ☐ **Letter of Recommendation:** Please provide a recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from a mentor who can speak to your involvement in youth programs and your ability to advocate for the community. They can include the information here, or submit a letter separately. Your recommender can be another youth leader or an adult.
- ☐ **Resume** (*optional*)
- ☐ If applying for Seat 7 (TAY seat): **The Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees & Task Forces** (*for those applying to Seat 7 only*)

The Youth Commission will make recommendations to the Mayor about who to appoint for seat 1 & 2. The Youth Commission will also advise the Board of Supervisors of qualified candidates for seat 7. **The Board of Supervisors and the Mayor will ultimately decide who to appoint to the OAC.**

You will also be asked to attend a Board of Supervisors Rules Committee meeting when they review your application. Youth Commission staff will be available to help you prepare.

If you have questions about any of this or want to learn more, please contact the Youth Commission office at (415) 554-6464.

OAC YOUTH APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Birth date _____ Age _____

Home Address _____ Zip _____

Resident of SF? Yes ☐ No ☐ SF District you live in (1-11) _____

OAC Seat you are applying for:

☐ Seats 1 and/or 2 (for youth age 19 or under)

☐ Seat 7 (for a transitional age youth 18-24)

☐ If you marked Seat 7, confirm you will fill out the “Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces”

Occupation _____ Employer (if any) _____

School you are attending or will be attending (if any)

Other schools you attend or have attended in the past _____

After-school, summer, or youth programs you are currently involved in _____

After-school, summer, or youth programs you have been involved with in the past _____

Additional optional information:

Race _____ Ethnicity _____

Languages spoken _____

Sexual orientation _____ Gender _____

Applicant Signature:

Date _____ Applicant's Signature (required) _____

(Manually sign or type your complete name. NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

- 1) What communities do you feel connected to and why? How would you represent the diversity of youth in the City and County of San Francisco? (*Examples: Queer, Disabled, Homeless, Teen Parent, Low-Income, Immigrant*). *You are not limited to these choices. Please add your own.*)
- 2) What special skills, insight and experiences would you bring to this position?
- 3) What are some of your past experiences as a participant or leader in youth-focused activities?

RECOMMENDATION

Recommender Name _____

Organization or Relationship _____

Best way to contact _____

- ☐ *Check if recommender will be submitting a separate letter of recommendation.*
Recommendations can be sent to: youthcom@sfgov.org

Recommender, please share your insights about the applicant's involvement and leadership in youth programs and their ability to advocate for their community.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

If submitting via email, PDF format is preferred. Submit application in person, by fax, regular mail, email to:

San Francisco Youth Commission
City Hall, room 345
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
San Francisco, CA 94102
Fax: (415) 554-6140
Phone: (415) 554-6464
Email: youthcom@sfgov.org

The application is open until the position is filled, but we recommend returning your application as soon as possible with a deadline of October 19, 2018. The first review of applications to date will take place on October 24, 2018.