



YOUTH COMMISSION

2011 YOUTH COMMISSIONER APPLICATION

Background

The City of Brentwood Youth Commission is an advisory body to the City Council, dedicated to promoting the youth voice in local government. Founded in 1999, the Youth Commission is made up of ten students of diverse backgrounds who care about the Brentwood community and have a drive to make our community the best possible place for youth. Youth Commissioners are supported by three adult advisors and City staff. The Youth Commission has organized youth-oriented events such as movie nights, parades, youth forums, and also participates in city events. Other accomplishments of the Youth Commission include assisting with the application process as the City of Brentwood applied for both the “100 Best Cities for Young People” and “Playful City USA” awards.

Benefits of Being a Youth Commissioner

Members of the Brentwood Youth Commission will experience a unique opportunity to work with city leaders and staff, as well as students from all Brentwood middle and high schools, to implement policies and programs that positively impact the youth of our community. Commissioners will also gain valuable leadership skills in the city spectrum as well as develop friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime.

Current Openings

The City of Brentwood is currently seeking youth, ages 11-18, who reside in the city limits of Brentwood, to serve as commissioners on the City of Brentwood Youth Commission.

Applications must be submitted (in person/by mail) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011 to:

City of Brentwood Youth Commission
Attn: Barbie Gary, Youth Commission Staff Liaison
101 B Sand Creek Road
Brentwood, CA 94513

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to:

Barbie Gary, Youth Commission Staff Liaison
(925) 516-5366 or bgary@ci.brentwood.ca.us



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Application Process

1. Complete this application thoroughly and enclose answers to essay questions.
2. Only City of Brentwood residents between the ages of 11-18 will be considered.
3. Attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, or employer.
4. All applicants are **strongly encouraged** to attend a Youth Commission meeting to observe how the commission works. All meetings are held at City Council Chambers, 101 B Sand Creek Road at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Upcoming meeting dates are March 2 and April 6, 2011.
4. Applicants under consideration for a position will receive an interview with the Youth Commission Executive Committee.
5. The Youth Commission Executive Committee will notify applicants who have been recommended for appointment. Appointments are not final until the Brentwood City Council has approved and appointed them.
6. Approved appointees will begin their terms as Commissioners at the July 2011 regular meeting.

Time Commitments & Responsibilities

1. **General Meetings:** The 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00–8:30 p.m. (approximately)
2. **Special Committees:** Each Commissioner is responsible to serve on a minimum of one special committee each school year. These committees will work on special projects including planning events and/or projects such as the middle school dance and meet once or twice per month in addition to the regular Youth Commission meetings.
3. **Special Events & Fundraisers:** All Commissioners are expected to actively participate in all special events and fundraisers that the Youth Commission supports or offers. These take place approximately every other month.
4. **General Behavior:** Commissioners are expected to maintain a high level of behavior and citizenship in school and in the community. Commissioners represent the City of Brentwood and should behave accordingly.



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Please type or print (in blue or black ink) your responses. If additional pages are needed to answer the essay questions, please attach additional pages to this application. This application is also available in a fill-in-able format at www.ci.brentwood.ca.us. Click on the link for Youth Commission (far right column) and then click on the link "How to get involved with the Youth Commission". Type in your responses and then print a copy of the entire application to submit.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Alternate) _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade (2011/12): _____

Please list and briefly describe any classes, skills, and life experience that you feel would qualify you to be a member of the Youth Commission.

Please list and briefly describe your school and community activities (clubs, volunteer activities, athletics, and classes).

Why do you wish to serve on the Brentwood Youth Commission?

What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the youth of Brentwood today and what do you think the Youth Commission can do to address the problem?

Any additional comments:

I have read the application packet and understand the commitment of being a Youth Commissioner. I also understand I must attend all Commission meetings, activities and programs, unless excused by the Chair of the Commission or an Advisor. I declare that all statements contained in this application are true and that any misrepresentation or omission may result in rejection of my application or removal from the Youth Commission. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statements.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

I understand the commitment involved with the Brentwood Youth Commission and approve of my son/daughter applying.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____