



**Youth Voice One Vision**  
The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

## Welcome to the City of Rochester's Youth Voice, One Vision Leadership Team Application

**Our Vision:** Youth Voice, One Vision. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, is dedicated to connecting, training and advising Rochester's youth leaders, city governance, adult advisors and community stakeholders. The goal is to establish a diverse membership of youth who can provide expertise in various fields and inform and impact policies related to youth issues.

**Our Mission:**

Communication, determination, respect, and teamwork: That is YVOV!

- Youth Voice, One Vision is a group of young community members who represent the voice and issues of the youth in Rochester as the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.
- We are working together to create opportunities, events, and activities that inspire change, and unite our community in a positive way!

**Our Objectives are to:**

- Conduct on-going community outreach and assessments to identify youth priorities.
- Advise the Mayor and other City officials on a regular basis on issues of importance to Rochester youth.
- Carry out youth led projects and initiatives to impact community change.

**Annual Events:**

- Steppin' Up To Solutions (SUTS) (November)
- The top 3 proposals from Youth Leadership Groups are awarded money, at SUTS, to conduct a Service Project.
- Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) / Roc Stars Talent Show (April)
- Beach Bash (June)

**Collaborations:**

- Nazareth College (CYD Students)
- Alfred University's Art Force 5 Collaboration



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## Description of Leadership Teams

### Executive Committee

Are you interested in learning more about the inner workings of City Hall? Are you ready to help build an action plan to help bring the priorities and concerns of youth in the City of Rochester to the forefront of community conversations? Then join our team. While part of this team you will have the opportunity to:

- Create and formalize a Youth Master Plan for the 2017-18 School year and beyond
- Facilitate Youth Voice, One Vision Full Council Meetings for 60+ young people
- Interact and share information with City Council Members and other elected officials
- Walking various Holiday Parades alongside the Mayor
- Act as a liaison between R-centers and leadership groups
- Create and announce City-wide resolutions that support youth

#### Qualifications:

- Currently a member of a youth leadership group that is civically engaged in Rochester
- 14-19 years old
- Able to make a two year commitment with yearly evaluations
- Available for weekly meeting on Tuesdays from 5:00pm- 7:00pm
- Available for a 3-day orientation in mid-September

Notes:

Transportation to and from meetings will not be provided. No prior experience developing strategies or action plans needed. Training will be provided.

### Event Planning Committee

Do you have an urge to team up with other outstanding youth leaders throughout the City? Are you interested in helping clarify the communication between the adults and youth of Rochester? Do you believe that “Fun with a Purpose” is key in strengthening and supporting our cities young leaders? Then join our team. While part of this team you will have the opportunity to:

- Plan and facilitate networking events for youth leaders to allow them to share their successes and build relationships
- Plan and facilitate the County-wide annual youth leadership conference Steppin' Up to Solutions
- Partner with professors and students involved in the Community Youth Development program at Nazareth College
- Create and facilitate “On the Town” trainings for both youth and adults
- Set annual Lunch w/ City Hall event or similar informal connection between youth/adults

#### Qualifications:

- 12-19 years old
- Able to make a two year commitment
- Available for weekly meeting on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 PM
- Available for a 3-day orientation in mid-September

Notes:

Transportation to and from meetings will not be provided. No prior experience developing strategies or action plans needed. Training will be provided.



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## JOIN YOUTH VOICE, ONE VISION'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Instructions

Applicants must live or be civically engaged within the City of Rochester and be between the ages of 12-19 (as of August 31, 2017). All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. If interested, complete this application & submit by July 19, 2017 to:

Youth Voice, One Vision  
Department of Recreation and Youth Services  
200 West Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14611

Interviews will be held in August. Call Tremain Harris; (585) 428-6360, with questions.

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2016): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of a Rochester Youth Leadership Group?

NO

YES

Where did you get this Application? \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Experience (if applicable)

*Please list your most recent jobs, and/or volunteer experience. Include organizations and club participation.*

1.) Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Applicant Experience (Continued)**

3.) Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer**

Answer the following questions based on your personal opinions and ideas. Please limit each response to 100 words or less.

1.) In your opinion, what is the most critical issue facing Rochester's young people?

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2.) Which of the Youth Voice, One Vision's leadership committees would you like to join? Why? (See descriptions of each committee)

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3.) Why do you believe you would be a good candidate for one of Youth Voice, One Vision's leadership teams? What perspective will you bring?

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**Applicant Statement**

I hereby certify that the information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of this information for verification purposes and understand it will be used to process my application. Additionally, I can commit to attending weekly Youth Voice, One Vision leadership team meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent/Guardian Statement (if under the age of 18)**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to seek the position of Youth Voice, One Vision leadership team member. I will support his/her attendance at weekly meetings and participation in Youth Voice, One Vision activities and projects.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Advisor Statement (if applicable)**

I support \_\_\_\_\_ in seeking a position of one of the three Youth Voice, One Vision leadership teams. I will support his/her attendance at weekly meetings and participation in Youth Voice, One Vision activities and projects.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leadership Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Youth Leadership Group Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_