

City of Roseville

Title: HRIEC Youth Commissioner

Length of Appointment: 1 year

Appointment Requirements: Must be enrolled in high school and under the age of 18 and be a resident of the city of Roseville.

Description: As a non-voting member of the Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission, the Youth Commissioner works in partnership with the other members of the commission and staff liaison. The role is to ensure that young people are involved and engaged in helping shape decisions that affect them and to empower them to share their ideas and have a meaningful voice in planning, implementing and reviewing programs and opportunities within their community.

Responsibilities: Attend monthly meetings and contribute to the discussion as a non-voting member, work with the student community at Roseville Area High school and in Roseville, and perform high school outreach functions (previous functions included summer book reads, human rights club, essay contests).

Examples of Tasks

Supporting Youth Engagement

- Participating in developing topics for the annual Essay Contest for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, reviewing essay entries and choosing top winners.
- Engaging with youth and bringing new perspectives to the commission.

Developing Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Topics for Youth

- Previous youth commissioners have worked within their local high schools on Human Rights topics and projects as well as managed a summer book read.

Creating Connections within the Community

- Working with other commissioners and staff to develop best practices for engagement and outreach to communities of color.
- Serving as a link and resource between the city and local high schools.

Skills Required:

- Desire and willingness to share thoughts and ideas as they relate to youth in the community
- Ability to work and engage with young people
- Willingness to participate in monthly meetings
- Ability to think creatively
- Ability to work on projects outside of monthly meetings

Estimate Time Commitment:

Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at City Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Typical meeting length is 2-3 hours. Depending upon youth commissioner's focus area, will determine

the amount of time they spend outside of the meeting. Occasionally, commission work requires additional time including preparing for meetings and other city events (approximately 1/hour per week).

Testimonial from a former youth commissioner:

Responsibilities require a fairly low time-commitment and the commission is an awesome way to learn more about city government, meet new people in the community, improve discussion skills, and fill a leadership role through youth commissioner projects.
