

Aurora Youth Council Application

The Aurora Youth Council is a group of active Aurora teens who have an interest in local issues and want to share their ideas with city government representatives, to build community among Aurora youth through council sponsored projects and want to use their youth council experience for their respective personal and professional development.

In order to apply for the Aurora Youth Council, you must meet the following criteria:

*Live in the city of Aurora

*Be of high school age (9th through 12th grades)

*Attend either of the following high schools: West Aurora, East Aurora, Metea Valley, Waubensee Valley, Illinois Science and Math Academy or an Aurora based private school.

Email address *

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Name *

First and last name

Juliana Salinas

Age *

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Date of Birth *

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Home Address *

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Zip Code *

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Home Phone

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Mobile Phone Number *

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High School *

- West Aurora
- East Aurora
- Metea Valley
- Waubonsee Valley
- Illinois Math and Science Academy
- Option 6
- Other: Oswego East

Aldermanic District

If you do not know your Aldermanic District, please leave blank.

Why do you want to join the Aurora Youth Council? *

I want to join the Aurora Youth Council because I truly believe that being engaged and involved, in our city is important for the development of successful people. As we grow older, our city depends on our youth to continue the expansion of our community and create solutions for not only the adolescence populace, but all citizens in our public. The Aurora Youth Council provides me with a chance to make a difference within my own community and become a voice for those who do not have the opportunity to share their beliefs. I want to be able to use my platform and my time towards focusing my efforts to show to those who do not believe they are capable of achieving their goals that they are able to attain their pursuits despite their living situations, despite the color of their skin, despite any difference they see within themselves and their community. I want to boost the confidence in those of my peers and engage them in providing for themselves while believing that it only takes their own judgment to reach their full potential. Anyone can make a difference, but it is those who take initiative into their own hands and use their knowledge for the benefit of others in service.

Name one issue you care deeply about. *

One issue I deeply care about is the violence that occurs within our community, specifically with the youth group. Youth violence refers to harmful behaviors that can start early and continue into young adulthood. The young person can be a victim, an offender, or a witness to the violence. Youth violence is widespread in the United States and is the third leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 24. While many people are aware of the violence embedded into the lives of young people within our own community, effective changes to solve the problem are not being made, and the realization of the risks youth violence causes are not being accounted for. Deaths resulting from youth violence is only a part of the problem. Risk factors include: drug, alcohol, or tobacco use, poor family functioning, poor grades in school, poverty within the community. All factors in which negatively impact the lives of our youth, thus the lives of our growing citizens of our city. The growth of our community start with the young, and with youth violence continuing to spread, our opportunity to maintain to pursue a healthy community is in jeopardy. It is important to educate our community of the importance of keeping our youth safe, our community safe, because our community depends on our youth to continue our growth of a society. The solution to youth violence provides the solution to many other issues, graduation rates, employment rates, healthcare costs, property values, social services, etc. Several prevention strategies have been identified, but the ultimate goal to stop youth violence before it starts begins with the people of the community, and a transformation of the way we live and how others care for the progression towards a common cause.

How did you hear about the Aurora Youth Council *

- School
- Newspaper
- Social Media
- Flyer
- Friend
- Other:

Which social media sites do you use? *

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- LinkedIn
- Other:

Submit your resume to InnovateAurora@aurora-il.org with Aurora Youth Council in the Subject Line. Applications are due September 30, 2017.



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