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, Waubonsee Valley, Illinois Science and Math Academy or an Aurora based private school.

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Name * First and last name	
Ella Peters-Gonzales	
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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 be apart of the Aurora Youth Council because I am a true believer of civic engagement, and with that I believe in the ideals reiterated by Lincoln in the Gettysburg Adress "a government of the people, by the people, for the people". At only 16 years old I too am the "people", even high school students like myself have an opinion, have a voice and can have an impact. Being apart of the student council can make my voice heard by helping bring concerns and ideas from my peers to light. I find this to be an amazing opportunity that I would be honored to be apart of.

Name one issue you care deeply about. *

One issue that I care deeply about and have a strong opinion on would have to be, economic development. I would like to help students like myself be better prepared to enter the work force. Some will enter it right after high school and some 4 years later after college or lets face it some of "us" are already there, making coffee, bagging groceries, or helping people shop at the outlet mall. Don't get me wrong all of that is great but I would love to see more of a focus on preparing my peers and I for the future work force because frankly we are going in blind. To further prepare the younger generation for the years to come things like internships, apprenticeships, and introduction to the "trades" would be beyond beneficial. Learning about what types of skills are needed in not only the workforce today but the workforce of the future.

Ho	w did you hear about the Aurora Youth Council *
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Submit your resume to lnnovateAurora@aurora-il.org with Aurora Youth Council in the Subject Line. Applications are due September 30, 2017.

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