

# FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The Youth Council consists of 15 teens and is sponsored by Foothills Park & Recreation District. The purpose of the Youth Council is to promote youth participation in district Government, to foster a better understanding of youth concerns and contributions, and to encourage youth to become actively engaged in their community.

## **Youth Council Members Will:**

- Serve as a communication link among peers, Foothills management and the Board of Directors of Foothills Park & Recreation District;
- Lobby for youth interests;
- Provide leadership in the community;
- Create positive change in the Jefferson County area;
- Promote the value of citizenship and participation in governmental/district processes;
- Will be required to abide by the Values and Guiding Principles set forth by the Foothills Park & Recreation District: Respect, Attitude, Teamwork, Communication, Integrity, Accountability.

## **Required Commitments of the Youth Council Members:**

- 2-Year Term of Office of Youth Council Member begins immediately following selection (*or ends upon high school graduation*).
- All Youth Council Members must attend a majority of formal meetings within a calendar year.
  - Meetings from September through May are scheduled two times per month and last 1½ hours each.
  - Meetings in December and June through August are scheduled one time per month and last 1½ hours each.
- The current Youth Council Members select the meeting days and times.
- Additional meetings are required prior to events or other community commitments. The average time commitment is 40–60 hours per year.

## **Who Can Apply to become a Youth Council Member?**

- Students who reside in or near Foothills Park & Recreation District located within Jefferson County;
- Teens entering sixth grade through twelfth grade.

## **How to Apply to become a Youth Council Member?**

- Complete the Application Form;
- Attach a Letter of Recommendation from an Adult who is not a family member.

## **How are Youth Council Members Selected?**

Youth Council Members are selected based upon a combination of the completed Application Form, the Recommendation Letter and a Personal Interview. Personal Interviews are scheduled two (2) weeks in advance when new Youth Council members are needed.

## **For more information, please contact:**

Joe Gonzales, Specialist – Children Programs  
303-409-2510 or joeg@fhprd.org



# FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

**(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade at time of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about Youth Council (*check all that apply*)

Application     At School     Website     Peer     Parent

Other (list): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THOROUGHLY.  
(Attach additional page if you need more space.)**

What previous experience (*school and/or civic activities, work, or other volunteer service*) will you bring to the Youth Council?

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Why do you want to become a Member of the Youth Council?

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What youth issues would you like the Youth Council to pursue?

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I affirm that all information provided is truthful AND that I can meet the commitments required to serve on the Youth Council.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACH A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

The Letter of Recommendation should include statements and examples of the Applicant's leadership experiences and any other pertinent information about his/her abilities, traits, interests to support the Applicant's qualifications to serve on the Youth Council.

**PLEASE DELIVER OR MAIL APPLICATION WITH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO:**

Foothills Park & Recreation District – Youth Council  
Attn: Joe Gonzales  
6613 S. Ward Street  
Littleton, CO 80127