CITY OF DOWNEY
DOWNEY YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION

Please submit the completed application
by August 10, 2012 to:
City Clerk's Office
11111 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90242

Would you like to learn more about your local government? Do you have aspirations of one day becoming a leader? Want to become more involved in your community? Then join the Downey Youth Commission!

WHAT IS THE DOWNEY YOUTH COMMISSION?

The City of Downey invites applications for the Downey Youth Commission. The purpose of this commission is to provide Downey youth with leadership development, civic/local government education, participation in annual assignments/priorities from the City Council, as well as direct input to Council Members. The Commission will serve in an advisory capacity to the Downey City Council and will meet regularly every month during the school year. The Commission will be organized by electing a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to serve for one year. This is a voluntary commission, therefore members will not receive payment for their service. Eligible applicants must be a Downey resident enrolled in a high school (grades 9-12) and be available to meet monthly afterschool for commission meetings. Time commitment is two to five hours per month. Commission meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 4:00pm. The first meeting is October 18, 2012.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

- Commission members will be expected to participate in monthly meetings throughout the year to learn about different city programs/projects, plan activities, discuss topics, and other items as assigned.
- The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Commission or his/her representative shall attend the Downey City Council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month to provide reports on Youth Commission recommendations and/or actions.
- Commission will be responsible for planning the annual Student Government Day event held in April.
- Participate in a discussion forum of city-related youth topics.
- Provide input and make recommendations to the City Council

HOW DO I APPLY?

Submit the attached application and waiver form to the address provided above by no later than August 10, 2012. Questions? Please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 562-904-7238.

HOW AM I SELECTED?

All applications will be reviewed and considered for appointments by the City Council. A total of seven vacancies exist. Appointments will be made at a September City Council meeting.

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Please type or print (in blue or black ink) your responses. If additional pages are needed to answer the questions, please attach additional pages to this application. This application is also available in a fillable form at www.downeyca.org. Click on the link for Downey Youth Commission and then click on the link "How to get involved with the Downey Youth Commission". Type in your responses and then print a copy of the entire application to submit.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: (Home) _____ (Cell Phone): _____

Name of Parent or Guardian(s): _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____Phone:_____

School: _____Grade (2012/2013):_____

The time commitment for the Downey Youth Commission is two hours to five hours per month.

Please list and briefly describe any classes, skills, and experience that you feel would qualify you to be a member of the Youth Commission.

Please list and briefly describe your school and community activities (clubs, volunteer activities, athletics, and classes).

Why do you wish to serve on the Youth Commission?

What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the youth of Downey today and what do you think the Youth Commission can do to address the problem?

Any additional comments:

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

"I have read the application packet and understand the time commitment and responsibilities involved with serving as a Downey Youth Commission Member. I also understand I must attend all Commission meetings, activities and programs unless excused by the Chair of the Downey Youth Commission or City Staff. I declare that all statements contained in this application are true and that any misrepresentation or omission may result in rejection of my application or removal from the Downey Youth Commission. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statements."

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT (Required if Applicant is under 18 years of age):

"I understand the time commitment involved with serving as a Downey Youth Commission and I consent to my daughter/son's participation with on the Downey Youth Commission. I give my consent for my child to be photographed, videotaped, or recorded by any means, by the City of Downey, or by the City's employees or agents, in connection with her/his participation on the Downey Youth Commission. I further consent to the use of my child's name, photograph, video, audio, or other recordings made in connection with my child's participation on the Downey Youth Commission for promotional purposes, which includes posting on the City's website, or on City flyers, publications and other City promotional documents."

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Consenting Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

Print Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Note: This volunteer opportunity will require a signature of general liability release and waiver.