



# Youth Opportunities Advisory Board

## 2022-2023 Application Information

**Application Deadline: April 18, 2022**

Are you a City of Boulder high school age student interested in:

- Learning more about the Boulder community?
- Making an impact on youth in Boulder?
- Meeting and getting to know students from other high schools?
- Having your voice heard in city government?
- Developing leadership skills?

If you want to learn more about YOAB from a current YOAB member before or after applying, please contact Mario!

### **You are invited to apply to the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB)!**

YOAB is a group of 16 high school students who commit to helping their community by participating in a community leadership and grant-making program for City of Boulder youth coordinated by the City of Boulder Human Services Department. YOAB members:

- Give advice to the city government and to local agencies about youth issues;
- Review grant applications from nonprofits and schools and make decisions to fund youth programs;
- Address youth needs through community projects and initiatives; and
- Can earn community service hours and get a free EcoPass.

#### **Requirements of YOAB:**

- City of Boulder resident, high school age, pre-GED. Students who attend a City of Boulder high school but do not live in the city limits may also apply, with preference given to City of Boulder residents.
- Willing to work and open to learning, desire to make a positive difference for youth in Boulder.
- Previous leadership experience is not required.
- Able to handle time commitment:
  - Retreat: TBD
  - Monthly meeting every 1st Friday, 9:00am-3:30pm, September through June (excused absence)
  - Weekly meetings on Monday evenings

#### **Application process to be a part of YOAB:**

- Submit the application, including an adult recommendation, to Mario Martinez-Varelas via email [MartinezVarelasM@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:MartinezVarelasM@bouldercolorado.gov).
- Applications will be reviewed by YOAB members and Youth Opportunities Program staff.
- Applicants will be invited to a virtual interview upon application receipt.
- New members will be selected based on their potential to positively contribute to the board's work and their capacity to represent the diversity of Boulder's youth community.

**For any questions about YOAB, to request a classroom/group presentation, or to set up a meeting with a current YOAB member to learn about YOAB, please contact:**

Mario Martinez-Varelas - City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Program Manager  
Call/text: 720-498-2482, Email: [MartinezVarelasM@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:MartinezVarelasM@bouldercolorado.gov)

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To apply for Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB), you must be a City of Boulder resident, in high school or a GED program and able to commit to a one-year program with weekly meetings on Monday evenings.

**No previous leadership experience is required.**

### **PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending for 2020-2021 school year:

Grade for 2020-2021 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:     African American     American Indian     Asian/Pacific Islander

Caucasian/White     Hispanic/Latino(a)     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART 2: QUESTIONS**

Please be specific as you answer these questions in complete sentences. Your answers help us get to know you and learn about your aspirations and perspective. You can write directly on this form or write the answers on a separate paper and attach them to your application. You can also attach additional information that you'd like to share that is not covered by these questions.

1. Why do you want to be on YOAB? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. In your opinion and experience, what are two issues facing youth in Boulder? You can describe needs that all youth in Boulder have or needs that are specific to some youth in Boulder. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is one subject/topic (not necessarily at school) you are passionate about or that is important to you? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What qualities of a leader do you most admire? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Please give an example of how you contribute to your community in a meaningful way? Community can be your family, school, neighborhood, sports team, the Boulder community etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 3: OTHER ACTIVITIES**

1. What specific activities, both in and out of school, do you plan to be involved in during the next school year, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How will meetings on the first Friday of every month 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., weekly meetings on Monday evenings and occasional weekend or other weeknight activities fit into your schedule next year? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 4: ADULT RECOMMENDATION**

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Please ask an adult who knows you well, other than a parent, such as a teacher, coach, employer, family friend or relative to complete the attached recommendation. You can turn the recommendation in with your application or have the recommender send it separately.

**PART 5: APPLICANT & PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURES**

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I understand that if I become a member of the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board, I will be responsible for participating for 15-20 hours per month from September 2022 to June 2023. This includes a retreat tentatively scheduled for a weekend in 2022 and regular business meetings held one Friday a month from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., considered an exempt absence by BVSD. Additional commitments include weekly Monday after-school, evening, or weekend meetings and events.

Note: If you email your application, you will need to print it and bring a paper copy signed by both you and your parent/guardian to your interview.

*Entiendo que si me convierto en un miembro de el Gabinete de Asesores de Oportunidades para la Juventud, yo sería responsable de participar 15-20 horas al mes a partir de septiembre 2022 a junio 2023. Esto incluye un retiro tentativamente programada en agosto y reuniones de negocios regulares serán un viernes al mes de las 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., considerada una ausencia exentos por el BVSD. Compromisos adicionales incluyen reuniones semanales los lunes que suceden después de la escuela, por la noche o fines de semana y eventos ocasionales.*

*Nota: Si usted envía por correo electrónico su aplicación, usted tendrá que imprimirlo y traer una copia firmada por usted y su padre / guardián para su entrevista*

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Applicant Signature & Date

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

**Please return application and adult recommendation to:**

Mario Martinez-Varelas- City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Program Phone:

720-498-2482, Email: [MartinezVarelasM@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:MartinezVarelasM@bouldercolorado.gov)

*Thanks for your interest in YOAB!*

**Youth Opportunities Advisory Board 2021-2022**  
**Adult Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to participate in the City of Boulder’s Youth Opportunities  
YOAB Applicant Name

Advisory Board (YOAB). YOAB is looking for students who have the motivation, maturity, and interest in being the voice of Boulder’s youth and availability to commit to monthly Friday meetings and weekly meetings afterschool. This program is not a reward for the best student and previous leadership experience is not required.

Please help us learn more about this student by answering the following questions. We would appreciate any additional insights not covered by these questions.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you know the applicant has leadership potential? Give an example. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Do you think the applicant could excel in a professional environment? If so, why? Please provide an example.

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4. What makes the applicant a strong and unique candidate to represent Boulder youth on a city-wide board?

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**Information about the Adult Recommender:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:**

Wanda Pelegrina Caldas – Youth Opportunities Program

Email: [pelegrinaw@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:pelegrinaw@bouldercolorado.gov)