

Nederland Youth Board

The Civic Voice of Peak to Peak Youth



APPLICATIONS OPEN!

Nederland Youth Opportunity Advisory Board (N-YOAB)

APPLICATION FORM [HERE](#)

Questions? email ben@teensinc.org

Role Description:

Do you sometimes see things that you would change or improve if you had a voice in making decisions in your community?

Do you believe that our community can offer more opportunities to young people in the Peak to Peak area?

Will developing skills in civic and government affairs help launch you to a future career or strengthen your college application?

N-YOAB is a youth-run and youth-led civic group representing young people in the Peak to Peak area. This youth Board begins its first session in September of 2021. Giving local youth a voice in local civic life, the Youth Board will be supported by Communities That Care staff and members with extensive experience in government and civic affairs as well as Nederland Board of Trustees.

Members and staff of CommunitiesThat Care who will be supporting this youth board have served on local town boards, managed non-profit programs, and worked on policy and administration at the local, county, and even federal levels. Additional regional training and networking will be supported.

Role Expectations:

- Interest and openness to group collaboration and discussion for the purpose of sharing your opinion and ideas to help make decisions that will impact local community
- Willingness to work and learn with the desire to make a positive difference for youth in the Peak to Peak area
- Attendance to 5 - 6 hours of meeting time (per month) during the school year (end of August - May). Meetings will occur during the school day and participants will be excused from classes (Meetings dates TBD in cooperation with relevant schools)
- Participation in other community meetings, with local leaders and entities outside of group meeting times in order to complete duties and / or make progress on specific projects (expect 2 to 3 hours outside of the school day some months, rewarded with gift cards, food, etc)

Required Qualifications:

- Current Nederland High School, Chinook West, or Gilpin High School students, youth who are homeschooled OR do not currently attend school, but are between the ages of 14-18 and live in the Peak to Peak area
- Interested in learning more about the Peak to Peak inclusive community
- Desire to make an impact on youth in the mountain communities
- Willingness to get to know students from other high schools
- Open to having your voice (and/or opinion) heard in city government and local leadership groups
- Desire to work on developing your personal leadership skills
- Previous leadership experience is not required

Perks: Participation on the N-YOAB includes great benefits to including:

- Pizza, snacks, gift cards, and other exciting rewards
- Impressive resume and college application material, with room to specialize in and focus on issues that most interest you
- Leadership Training: specific skills exposure and training in equity, public speaking, meeting facilitation skills, town government structure
- Learning: Local / regional professionals will be recruited to share their expertise with YOAB
- Lunch will be provided at each meeting
- Event Design: N-YOAB may choose to organize events and/or activities that further opportunities or address challenges / concerns that they identify in and around the Peak to Peak community