



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

YouthCARE (Youth Cultural Appreciation and Racial Equality) is a multi-cultural organization dedicated to helping Minneapolis and St Paul youth develop their EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, and LEADERSHIP skills needed to make a successful transition from adolescence to adulthood. YouthCARE's mission is to promote respect for self and others, develop future leaders, and provide youth with positive multicultural activities and relationships with caring adults. Our programs are the Young Women's Mentoring Program (McDonough Town Homes in St. Paul and Little Earth in Minneapolis), YouthLEAD (Youth Leadership Education and Diversity), Camp Sunrise, and Community Service Stars (CS Stars).

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

OCCUPATION:

Please tell us a little about yourself:

1 How did you hear about us? Please be as specific as possible.

2 In your own words, please describe why YouthCARE is important in our community.

3 Do you have any prior experience working on a board? If so, please describe.

4 How do you see yourself contributing to the board? What skills and experiences do you believe will be valuable in your service and why?

5 YouthCARE requires board members to attend a monthly board meeting on the third Wednesday every other month, 5:30 - 7:30 pm (6 meetings per year). Board members are also expected to serve on at least one committee. Between general body meetings, committee meetings, events, and independent work on board projects, board members should expect to donate 5 - 8 hours each month. Board members serve 3 - year terms. Are you able to make this time commitment?

Yes

No

6 Board members are required to join at least one committee. Please read the committee descriptions below and indicate the ones you would be interested in.

Board Recruitment Committee

Manages board recruitment

Finance Committee

Manages organizational finance strategy and leads the budgeting process

Fundraising Committee

Manages board fundraising initiatives and sustainable fundraising development

Communication and Marketing Committee

Manages communication strategy and supports marketing initiatives

7 We ask that all board members to contribute an annual gift to YouthCARE at a level that is personally meaningful. Can you commit to a personally meaningful annual gift?

Yes

No

8 Please indicate which of the following skills, traits, interests, or areas of expertise you can bring to YouthCARE.

- Human Resources**
- Nonprofit Experience**
- Fundraising Knowledge or Experience**
- Marketing and Communications Knowledge or Experience**
- Legal Knowledge or Experience**
- Youth Work or Education Experience**
- Event Planning Experience**
- Grant Writing Experience**
- Connections to Media Organizations**
- Connections to Government Agencies**
- Connections to Restaurants, Markets, Breweries, Other Retailers**
- Connections to Financial Institutions**
- Connections to Foundations or Major Donors**
- Knowledge of Mentoring**
- Knowledge of STEM/Environmental Education**
- Knowledge of Youth Leadership Best Practices**