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NEW BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

California Youth Connection

California Youth Connection (“CYC”) is recruiting applicants to fill Youth Board Member positions on its existing Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for all financial, personnel and legal issues facing this organization. Under its existing governing structure, the Board of Directors seeks recommendations from the Youth Advisory Board and actively works to support the activities of all its Chapters and regional offices. Since 1988, CYC has grown into a statewide organization with three regional offices, more than 29 county-based chapters with more than 450 statewide members.

Youth board members must be between the age of 18 and 24 and should be able to commit to attend quarterly meetings at CYC’s statewide office located in Oakland California and be available to participate in monthly conference calls. Board members must also be prepared to serve on at least one Board sub-committee. Board members are required to make a two year commitment.

If you or another member of your organization is interested in applying to join the CYC Board of Directors, please complete our Board application. Application is available to be submitted year round, but applicants are only selected once a year.

***Travel, board and meal are provided for youth board members, upon request; assistance can be extended after they have aged out.

*** Youth Board Members are unable to participate in CYC Programs and services in the same capacity as a member. Please see policies for more details on the shift in role between a member and a youth board member.

You can email completed applications directly to CYC’s Engagement & Recruitment Chairs, Erica Hickey and Gail Yen.

Desired Skills, Experience, and Characteristics

Strong applicants should have:

1. A track record of being committed to the needs and concerns of current and former foster youth.

2. A track record that demonstrates an ability to think strategically and creatively about the best ways to increase membership.
3. Strong problem-solving skills.
4. Willingness to commit to fundraising for the organization.
5. Skills in public speaking, interpersonal communication, advocating for the best interest of the members, time management, networking and representing the organization to stakeholders.
6. Ability to identify areas of improvement and commit to develop and improve those areas during your tenure.
7. At least two years of youth leadership experience.
8. At least one year of being an active member of a CYC chapter.

To that end, we are soliciting applications from energetic young people from diverse life experiences who would like to join the Board of Directors of an established nonprofit that operates on both a grassroots and legislative policy level.

California Youth Connection – New Youth Board Member Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____, CA Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Best way to contact you: _____

Occupation _____ Date of Birth: _____

What chapter(s) were you a member of? (Please list Chapter and Date range):

Are you a former emancipated minor? Yes / No. If so, which state: _____

Are you a former CYC: Intern, Advisory Board Representative, Legislative Committee Member, Policy Committee Member, Conference Facilitator, YOUTH Training Project Trainer or Chapter Leader? If so, please circle which ones apply.

In a separate document please briefly respond to the following:

1. Relevant Experience and/or Employment (please attach a resume or c.v.):
2. Why are you interested in joining the CYC Board of Directors?
3. Please list any areas of expertise/contribution you feel you can make:
4. Please describe any public speaking, advocacy, time management or networking experience:
5. Have you ever served on the board of another nonprofit organization? Yes / No.
Please name: _____
6. Do you currently serve on the board of another organization? Yes / No.
Please name: _____
7. Other current volunteer commitments:

When complete, please email this form to: gaily@calyouthconn.org & ericah@calyouthconn.org



For Board Use

Candidate Name: _____

Nominee has had a personal meeting with board member. Date _____

Nominee reviewed by the committee. Date _____

Nominee attended a board meeting. Date _____

Nominee interviewed by the board. Date _____

Action taken by the board _____