



We are looking for great leaders to help us create a safer, healthier and more equitable Marin! Apply today!

**Join the Marin County Youth Commission!
Application for 2013-2014 term**

Completed Applications Due May 31, 2013 at 12:00am

**Youth Leadership Institute Offices
555 Northgate Dr., Suite 235
San Rafael, CA 94903
www.yli.org**



Please refer questions to:
Denise Trevino, Programs Coordinator
Phone: (415) 455-1676 ext. 236
Email: dtrevino@yli.org

About the Marin County Youth Commission

MCYC is one of the oldest and most well regarded youth commissions in the country. MCYC's goal is to act as a political voice for young people to the Marin County Board of Supervisors and other policy makers. The group conducts research throughout the county to determine how best to make an impact and has worked to improve youth services, tackle educational equity issues, improve transportation options, raise awareness around environmental and health issues, coordinate student-run elections, and raise awareness about underage drinking.

Why Join MCYC?

- Learn how to effectively make change in your community through the existing government.
- Play an active role in improving the services and programs provided for youth in your area.
- Gain experience that will be beneficial to you in college or the workplace.
- Be a leader in your community working for positive change.
- Gain valuable skills in community research, organizing, advocacy and policy planning.
- Meet students from all over Marin County and HAVE FUN!

What you need to know

- MCYC meets twice a month: 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 7:00-9:00pm
- Committee and community meetings: Each commissioner is expected to attend two additional meetings per month, for at least 3 additional hours a month, for committee work, meetings with political leaders or participation at community events.
- Commissioners holding offices are required to meet an additional 2 hours for planning.
- Anyone residing in Marin County between the ages of 13-23 can be on the Youth Commission.

Directions for completing the application

- Please type or print clearly.
- If more space is needed, feel free to attach additional sheets.
- Applications that are not completed will not be accepted.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

(Month/Day/Year)

Ethnicity (optional): _____

Are you presently in school? _____ If so, where? _____

What grade will you be in during the 2012 -2013 term? _____

(Current enrollment in school is NOT a requirement)

Please check the district you live in:

<input type="checkbox"/> District 1 (Terra Linda, Lucas Valley, Marinwood, Santa Venetia, San Rafael, Peacock Gap)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 2 (Downtown San Rafael, Gerstle Park, West End, Lomita Park, Bret Harte, Sleepy Hollow, San Anselmo, Fairfax, Ross, Kentfield, Greenbrae)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 3 (Mill Valley, Strawberry, Tiburon, Belvedere, Marin City, Tamalpais Valley, Sausalito)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 4 (West Marin, West Novato, San Geronimo Valley, Canal Area of San Rafael, South San Rafael, Larkspur, Corte Madera, Homestead Valley)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 5 (North Marin, Novato, Black Point, Ignacio, Hamilton, Indian Valley)
---	--	---	---	---



1. Please list any activities you are involved in or out of school, like sports, clubs, other youth groups, etc (involvement in other activities is NOT required!):

2. How did you find out about the Youth Commission and/or the Youth Leadership Institute?

3. What motivates you to join the Marin County Youth Commission and what are three unique qualities you feel that you will contribute?

4. What community or school issue are you most passionate about? Why?

COMMUNITY BASED CHANGE PROJECTS

1. How are young people in Marin County impacted by health, the environment and education equity?

2. What action steps, if any, can young people take to improve these issues (from above)?

3. Of the three areas listed above, which would you choose as the 1-2 most important to focus on and why?



COMMITMENT STATEMENT

- I, _____, understand that the Marin County Youth Commission is an important leadership role for youth. If accepted, I am prepared to fulfill the commitment that is asked of all members including being a good representative of the youth of Marin, working hard to make positive change and being a positive role model for other youth.
- I have also discussed the time commitment with my **parents or legal guardian, teachers, sport coaches, employer and other activity programs**, and can make a serious time commitment given my responsibilities.

Signature of applicant _____ Date: _____

PARENT PERMISSION

I, the parent/legal guardian/ for _____, understand and agree with the mission and goals of the Marin County Youth Commission, support her/him in this commitment, and give permission for full participation in all activities and responsibilities pertaining to the duties of a Commissioner.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit application in person, regular mail or email to:

**Attn: Marin County Youth Commission
Youth Leadership Institute
555 Northgate Drive, Suite 235
San Rafael, CA 94903
Phone: (415) 455-1676 ex. 236
Email: dtrevino@yli.org**

The application is due Friday, May 31, 2013 at 12:00am