

Dear Tulare County Youth Council Applicant:

The Tulare County Youth Council is a community action group, funded by the Tulare County Office of Education and Health and Human Services Agency. The Council is a part of the prevention community and a resource for positive change. The Tulare County Youth Council is made up of youth and adult supporters and is currently looking for members.

The Tulare County Youth Council is looking for:

- Young people in high school
- Youth who are able to commit to attending trainings and meetings throughout the year
- Youth who want to develop their skills, abilities and relationships with other youth
- Youth who want to get involved and do something positive

This is what the Tulare County Youth Council is able to provide to you as a member:

- Training to expand your capacity as a leader
- A chance to work with a dynamic team of young people and adults
- Opportunities to obtain leadership skills and personal growth
- An opportunity to provide meaningful service to your community
- An opportunity to be a voice for change and growth in Tulare County

This is what you need to apply:

- A completed application
- Letter of Understanding signed by you and your parent/guardian
- Support letters (1 youth and 1 adult Letter)

RETURN BY: September 08, 2017

Send to:

Tulare County Office of Education

Attn: *Gene Mendes*

7000 Doe Ave. Building 300

Visalia, CA 93291

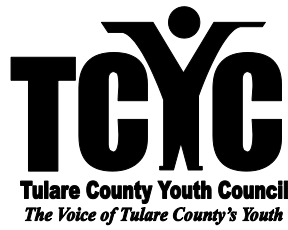
Or fax to: 651-0172

genem@tcoe.org

651-0155

Tulare County
Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools



Tulare County Office of Education Youth Council Application 2017-2018

Name _____ DOB _____

School _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Ethnicity African-American American Indian Asian
 Caucasian Latino/a Mixed Race
 Other

Gender Female Male

Section I: About You

1. What perspective, qualities, strengths or skills would you bring to the Youth Council?

2. Why do you want to be a Youth Council member?



Section II: Making a Change

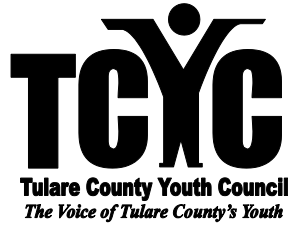
3. What positive changes do you think can be made in your county and why?

Section III: Involvement

4. What clubs or activities are you involved in (i.e., sports, Friday Night Live, Youth Centers, Boys/Girls Clubs, school clubs, church youth groups, etc.)?

5. What activities or commitments would prevent you from attending a training/ meeting after school or on the weekend?

Activity/Commitment	Day/Time	Time of year (Fall/Spring)



**Tulare County Youth Council Application
Letter of Understanding**

I understand that I am applying to become a **Tulare County Youth Council** member for the 2017-2018 year. I understand that if I am selected, I will be a member for a minimum of one year.

As a member I will participate in providing outreach to the Tulare County community and I will be representing the voice of Tulare County youth. I am ready to take on the challenge of representing and supporting the Tulare County Office of Education in a variety of ways.

I understand that I am committing to attend trainings and meetings for youth members throughout the year. As a member, I will be a leader at all functions, as well as in the community.

I realize that Youth Council members will be committing to work hard but will manage to have fun while doing so.

Signature _____ Date _____

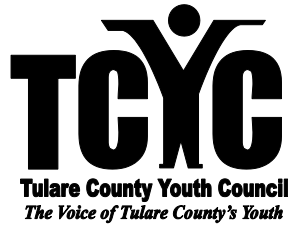
I understand that _____ is applying to become a **Tulare County Youth Council member**. If he/she is selected I will support him/her in their work as a council member. As a member, he/she would be part of a team of Tulare County youth working together to represent their peers throughout Tulare County.

I understand that council members attend trainings and meetings. I will support my student in making travel arrangements to all youth council functions.

I realize that he/she is part of an effort to make positive change in our community and represent youth voice within the county. He/She is taking on a leadership role to be proud of.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____



**Tulare County Youth Council Application
Letter of Recommendation - Adult Supporter**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Applicant's Name _____

Relationship to applicant _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

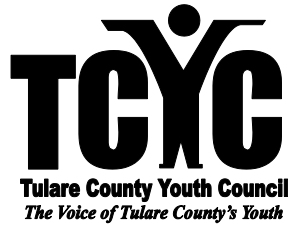
What leadership skills would this person bring to the team?

In what ways have you seen this person grow and develop since you first met them?

What ways are you willing to provide support to this young person if they become a Youth Council member?

Other comments:

Signature _____ Date _____



**Tulare County Youth Council Application
Letter of Recommendation - Youth Peer**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Applicants Name _____

Relationship to applicant _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Why would you consider this person to be a leader?

Why do you think this person would be able to work well with a team of youth and adults?

How have you seen this person grow and develop since the time you first met?

Other comments:

Signature _____ Date: _____