

# NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION

## Youth Application



(Adults interested in applying to be on the Advisory Board should not fill out this application, but should instead submit a resume.)

*Take your time, read all instructions and print clearly. Make sure you sign the application and turn in a personal statement.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION						
Last Name		First		M.I.	Date	
Street Address				Date of Birth		
City			State		ZIP	
Phone			E-mail Address			
Cell Phone						
Parent/Guardian Name						
The Youth Commission meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30pm. Are you able to attend meetings on Wednesday evenings?				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
What village of Newton do you live in?						
Name of your school:				Current Grade:		

REFERENCES			
<i>Please list two professional references. (Examples include: teachers, counselors, afterschool program staff, coaches)</i>			
Full Name		Relationship	
Company		Phone	
Full Name		Relationship	
Company		Phone	

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE	
I hereby certify that the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.	
Applicant Signature	Date

**Personal Statement:** Please submit a paragraph explaining why you are interested in joining the youth commission. Do not exceed 500 words.

**Completed applications and personal statement should be returned to:**

City of Newton, Health and Human Services Department  
 Jennifer O'Leary, Director of Youth Services  
 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton, MA 02459

617-796-1436      [www.newtonma.gov/youth](http://www.newtonma.gov/youth)      [joleary@newtonma.gov](mailto:joleary@newtonma.gov)

## **General Information about the commission:**

The Newton Youth Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month (except July & August) at 6:30pm in Newton City Hall.

The Newton Youth Commission is a volunteer body of adults and high school students working together to empower youth.

The goals of the Youth Commission are to:

- Encourage youth to take a leadership role in the community and to act as spokespeople for their peers
- Inform and provide youth with opportunities and resources to meet their needs
- Create and implement information programs, such as education seminars for high school students on health and prevention issues
- Unify teens within Newton
- Identify youth issues and problems and find solutions to address them
- Increase communication and connections between the agencies within Newton that provide youth services

The Newton Youth Commission is staffed by the Department of Health & Human Services, which seeks to link Youth Commission activities with provider organizations within the city.

The Youth Commission has seven openings to be filled by high school aged youth and seven alternate positions as well. The Advisory Board has openings for both youth and adults.

Eighth graders may apply to be alternates through the end of the school year and will be considered as seniors graduate to replace their open seats for next school year.