

CITY OF FLINT STUDENT CABINET

Are you a high school or college student in the City of Flint looking for an exciting opportunity to impact the future of Flint? If so, please consider the City of Flint Student Cabinet. Cabinet members are provided great opportunities to:

- Attend ½ day leadership training with the Mayor
- Enhance leadership skills
- Represent the views of their peers
- Learn about municipal government operations
- Participate in volunteer community service projects
- Attend press conferences and special events
- Receive mentoring from administration officials

Purpose

The Mayor's Office and the Human Relations Commission are committed to meeting the needs of every resident the City of Flint. Therefore, the City of Flint Student Cabinet has been established as a mechanism for the ideas, energy, and insights of young people and students in the Flint area to be channeled to help solve community problems and guide the work of City Hall in a meaningful way as we move together toward a sustainable 21st Century City of Flint with new jobs, safe neighborhoods and great schools.

The City of Flint Student Cabinet creates a viable avenue for Flint youth and students to voice their concerns as well as provide solutions to community issues. The Student Cabinet is expected to provide ongoing input into city affairs. The cabinet will serve as a standing advisory committee to the Mayor. When appropriate, members will submit reports and/or recommendations to appropriate city departments and officials.

Membership

High school and college students interested in serving on the cabinet are asked to complete the Student Cabinet Application and submit it with a one-page resume or biographical statement. Final selections for the Student Cabinet and committees will be made by the Mayor's Office, the Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, and the Commission's Youth Committee.

Meetings

Monthly meetings will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room to discuss current proposals from the Mayor's Office, Department heads, or City Council members. The cabinet may establish working groups to research proposals and develop new recommendations. The cabinet will approve any committee recommendations before they are referred on to the appropriate department.

Structure of the Student Cabinet

The Student Cabinet will elect two members to serve as co-chairs and one member as secretary of the cabinet. The terms will be one year each. The co-chairs will assist in conducting meetings and will serve as the official spokespersons of the cabinet. If a member of the Student Cabinet is absent from more than three consecutive meetings, he/she will be no longer be a Cabinet member.

Youth Cabinet Application

Please complete the following questions and return it with a one-page resume or brief biographical statement.

Name:

Address:

Ward of Residence:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Age:

School:

Expected Graduation Year:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Please attach answers to the following short essay questions. Make sure your word count fits in the range provided.

What would make you an effective member of the City of Flint Student Cabinet? Describe your volunteer and leadership experience and your motivations for wanting to serve. (150–200 words)

What do you believe is the most important issue for youth and students in Flint? State your case using numerical data, published research findings, and personal experience. (200-250 words)

What are three action items that can be taken by the City of Flint government to better serve students and youth in the community? List the action items and offer a few suggestions for ways to implement each. (150-250 words total)

Please send the application, resume and/or biography by postal mail or email to:

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Applications are due by January 22, 2010