

Nederland Youth Board

The Civic Voice of Peak to Peak Youth



APPLICATIONS OPEN!

Nederland Youth Board Application and Description

APPLICATION FORM [HERE](#)

Questions? email ben@teensinc.org

Role Description:

Do you sometimes see things that you would change or improve if you had a voice in making decisions in your community?

Do you believe that our community can offer more opportunities to young people in the Peak to Peak area?

Will developing skills in civic and government affairs help launch you to a future career or strengthen your college application?

The Nederland Youth Board is a Town of Nederland board that will engage in a wide variety of issues. This youth Board begins its first session in October of 2021. Giving local youth a voice in local civic life and decision-making processes, the Youth Board will be supported by Mountain Coalition for Youth staff and members with extensive experience in government and civic affairs as well as by the Nederland Board of Trustees.

Staff who will be supporting this youth board have served on local town boards, managed non-profit programs, and worked on policy and administration at the local, county, and even federal levels. Additional regional training and networking will be supported.

Role Expectations:

- Interest and openness to group collaboration to help make decisions that will impact our community
- Willingness to work and learn in order to make a positive difference for youth in the Peak to Peak area
- One 5 - 6 hour-day of meetings per month. Meetings will occur during the school day and participants will be excused from classes. Meals will be provided.
- Participation in other community meetings, with local leaders and entities outside of group meeting times in order to complete duties and/or make progress on specific projects. These are to be expected but will be rare. Participants will receive rewards and recognition for this work.

Required Qualifications:

- Current Nederland High School, Chinook West, or Gilpin High School students, youth who are homeschooled OR do not currently attend school, but are between the ages of 14-18 and live in the Peak to Peak area
- Interest in learning more about our community in order to contribute to it
- Willingness to get to know students from other high schools
- Open to having your voice heard in city government and local leadership groups
- Desire to work on developing your personal leadership skills
- Previous leadership experience is not required

Perks: Participation on the Youth Board includes great benefits to including:

- Pizza, snacks, gift cards, and other exciting rewards
- Impressive resume and college application material, with room to specialize in and focus on issues that most interest you
- Leadership Training: Specific skills and training in equity, public speaking, meeting facilitation, town government structure, legislation, and more
- Local and regional professionals will be recruited to share their expertise with you
- Meals will be provided at each meeting