



CITY OF COACHELLA

CULTURAL AND ARTS COMMISSION APPLICATION

Application **deadline** is **6:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, August 19, 2021**
Application must be received by the deadline in order to be considered

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WHAT HIGH SCHOOL DO YOU ATTEND: CVHS YOUR AGE: 16

To be eligible for appointment to the Commission you must be a resident of the City of Coachella and enrolled in high school. Members may only serve on one commission/committee.

Note: In the event a member of the commission has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from meetings of the Commission, the City Council may declare the office of such member vacant.

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PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What is there specifically in your background, training, education and interests that qualifies you as a candidate?

I will be a excellent addition to the city's youth commission because I am very passionate about issues that affect our community like poverty, immigration, and healthcare. Discussing social dilemmas with my peers is something I enjoy along with discussing the current political situations. Aside from staying up to date on what happens around the world, I take AP and honors courses as an AVID student while achieving straight A's and a 4.4 GPA this last school year. I am committed to my education and I plan on attending a four-year institution studying political science. Along with being part of Alianza's youth group Yo-C and the Women's Empowerment club at CVHS, I also run cross country and track since my freshman year, this year I am captain of my team. Overall I am looking to learn and I'm motivated to work with others who also are looking to better our community by giving our input as youth.

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

I'm grateful that as youth we have an opportunity to have a say in the discussions surrounding city improvements and I believe the main goal of the Commission should be to acquire how changes will affect the youth of the city. Noting our point of views to different situations will allow future improvements to address all our citizens and reach the most people effectively. In order to achieve well-rounded improvements we have to take into consideration the diversity of our people, disabled, homeless, seniors, youth, etc. In the Youth Commission, we will work together to share our ideas and experiences and then formulate a plan that will best engage the different people in our community.

3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

Inside classrooms and outside classrooms I am assigned leadership roles where I take charge and am assertive but also equally cooperate with other people. As a strong listener, when a person is talking I listen closely and give them feedback with nods or short phrases to assure them they have my full attention. I am also someone who is friendly to all different kinds of personalities and will strive to make my peers feel safe and comfortable in the space we share. As I've previously stated, I'm passionate about bettering our community and setting an example for others to follow. I bring value to this Commission with my pure intentions and don't just want the power that comes with this opportunity but the actual leadership and involvement it requires.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

Given the limited information on what it will be like to be apart the Commission, I'd like to know who will be our supervisor, where we will meet, and if there is already an agenda set as to goals we have to accomplish. Also, by attending the city's meetings will we be in contact with the cities leaders or will we be having discussions separately?

5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the Coachella Youth Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

As a member of the Coachella Youth Commission, I will be dedicated and serious about this opportunity because it aligns with my career goals and my personal values. I really jumped at this opportunity because in the past years so much has happened in the world that has completely changed the way I see everything and most times I was left feeling helpless, but that is how I found my passion for politics. Living in a democratic nation, most of the change that occurs does so through laws, bills, and voting, however I currently can't do any of that so this Commission is opening a door for me. I'm so excited to see how it works and gain experience considering this is what I will be dedicating myself to in the future.



Signature

8/18/21

Date

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Note: The term of a Commissioner is one year from August to June; mirroring the local school district's school year.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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