



# “TEENS ONLY” TOWN HALL MEETING AND YOUTH COMMISSION

## *Student Application Form*

***Deadline: November 18, 2011***

### Instructions

Nominators: The first page should be completed before providing the rest of the packet to the nominated student to complete. Make sure the nominated student has their parent or legal guardian sign the permission form on the last page. Once the packet is completed, please notify the student that the packet should be returned to you for your review and signature. Fax, email, or mail the completed packet to Jason Zaborske, Children’s Week Statewide Coordinator. Nominators are encouraged to assist students in finding sponsors for transportation to attend meetings. Thank you for your participation. We look forward to receiving your submission.

### Nominator Contact Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Organization:	Date:
Phone:	E-mail:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the “Teens Only” Town Hall Meeting and become a member of the Youth Commission of the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet.

Briefly describe why you are nominating this student (100 words or less):

## Student Duties & Responsibilities

Students are nominated to become panelists for the “Kids Only” Town Hall Meeting and serve as official members of the Youth Commission of the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet. Only 12 students are selected from a pool of statewide applicants. It is important that each student fully commit to the duties and responsibilities of becoming a student panelist and member of the Youth Commission. By completing this application, students commit to the following:

- Serving one (1) year term on the Youth Commission from March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013.
- Providing advice and assistance to Florida’s Children and Youth Cabinet as needed during their tenure as Youth Commission members.
- Attending the mock “Teens Only” Town Hall Meeting on January 30, 2012, and the official “Teens Only” Town Hall Meeting on January 31, 2012, in Tallahassee, which will also serve as a venue for newly appointed Youth Commission members to be introduced to Florida’s Children and Youth Cabinet.
- Researching their own questions and submitting two written ideas/questions on their assigned issues prior to the “Teens Only” Town Hall Meeting.
- Participating in Youth Commission conference calls to discuss and address topics that may be assigned to the Youth Commission by Florida’s Children and Youth Cabinet at each meeting.
- Attending at least one meeting of Florida’s Children and Youth Cabinet in their area, ensuring a Youth Commission member at all meetings of Florida’s Children and Youth Cabinet.
- Committing to educating the next group of students on the progress of the Youth Commission to ensure a smooth transition to the next group of students.

### Student Contact Information

First Name:	Age:
Last Name:	Sex (Male/Female):
Home Address:	Race/Ethnicity:
City/State/Zip:	Grade in School:
Home & Cell Phone:	Name of School:
E-mail:	School Phone:

## Student Question Section

1. List school activities (particularly in student government, school publications, broadcast journalism, debate clubs, or public speaking) as well as dates of participation and offices held.

ACTIVITY	DATES	OFFICES

2. List up to three public service or community activities you have participated in. Please note the role, responsibilities, dates of involvement, and highlights of experience.

1.)

2.)

3.)

3. Choose a specific public service activity or accomplishment and describe its impact on your life and the lives of others. 100 words or less.

4. List previous employment history. (List the most current job first).

POSITION	EMPLOYER	DATES	# of HRS/WK

5. Describe an example of your leadership. How has this experience influenced your expectations of community leaders and public affairs? 100 words or less.

6. The following are a compilation of children’s issues that will be the focus of the “Kids Only” Town Hall Meeting and the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet. Please rank your top five issues in order of preference from 1 to 5 (1=highest preference, 5=lowest preference) using each number only once. If you are interested in a topic not listed, please select “other” and write in your issue.

RANK	ISSUE
	Adequate Income and Support
	Assessment, Early Intervention & Treatment
	Before and After School Programs
	Early Childhood Education
	Family Friendly Neighborhoods
	Free From Abuse and Neglect
	Health Care
	Juvenile Justice Intervention and Treatment
	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment
	Positive Youth Development
	Prenatal Care
	Youth Transitioning to Adulthood
	Other:

7. What concerns you about your future well being in Florida? Please provide examples. 100 words or less.

8. What unique perspectives can you bring to the Youth Commission based on your personal experience?

Signature of Student Panelist:

Date:

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## **Permission Form**

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I hereby grant my consent for \_\_\_\_\_, my \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Children's Week "Teens Only" Town Hall Meeting and all meetings associated with Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet. I understand the meetings may be televised or broadcast. I also give permission for Children's Week and Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet to use and license the use of \_\_\_\_\_'s name and likeness, whether in still or in motion pictures, his/her photograph and/or other reproduction, including his/her voice features, with or without his/her name, for any editorial, promotion, or other related purpose directly associated with the events. Children's Week and Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet may exercise its rights in any way it sees fit for its production and promotion of this program.

I affirm that the information

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit completed application by November 18, 2011 to:**

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