

SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION



MISSION

District Attorney Kevin Hayden's Youth Advisory Council is an opportunity for residents aged 13-17 from Boston, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop to make their voices heard about the public safety needs of Suffolk County. The mission of the council is to explore issues of juvenile justice, with the primary goal of building community while improving the health and safety of county youth.

The council will:

- Provide general advice to the DA's office on juvenile crime issues.
- Study the role of the SCDAO in preventing crime.
- Positively impact the safety and health of young Suffolk County residents.
- Help address teen gun use.
- Address a variety of issues: gang violence, bullying, and online safety.
- Expose young people to careers in law enforcement, the judicial system, and public service.
- Expand public speaking, critical thinking, and advocacy skills.

COMMITMENT

The Youth Advisory Council will kick off with a meeting the week of **October 15, 2023**. Thereafter, the group will meet once every quarter for a total of four times per year.

A small stipend will be provided.

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PART 1

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

FIRST NAME _____
MIDDLE NAME _____
LAST NAME _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

GUARDIAN INFORMATION

FULL NAME _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____
EMAIL _____



APPLICATION QUESTIONS

PART 2

(250 WORDS OR LESS FOR EACH ANSWER)

QUESTION 1

Tell us a little bit about yourself in a brief biography. Who are you, in your own words?



QUESTION 2

Why do you want to help the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office develop the change you desire in our community?



QUESTION 3

Choose and answer **ONE** of these three questions:

- 1** | Have you, a friend, or family member had an experience with the criminal justice system and if yes, how has that affected you?
- 2** | What do you think needs to change about the current criminal justice system?
- 3** | What issues facing youth are most important to you?



QUESTION 4

What skills do you have that can help address youth violence and bullying in Suffolk County?



QUESTION 5

When are you able to meet? Please list your general availability (e.g., Tuesdays after 5pm, weekday afternoons, Wednesday evenings, etc.)

SAVE file in the following format: **LastName.FirstName**
EMAIL application to: **Domonique.Williams@mass.gov**

