

YOUTH JUSTICE PROJECT

Steering Committee Application

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YJP Steering Committee Overview

The major responsibility of the committee is to advise the Youth Justice Project to ensure we are doing all we can to effectively help young people. Steering committee members will learn necessary skills for advancing change in their own community such as writing and public speaking skills. Members will also meet with and discuss issues relating to juvenile justice with major stakeholders in Durham, including elected officials, non-profit leaders, and community activists.

The Youth Justice Project welcomes youth of all backgrounds. We are committed to helping young people overcome obstacles to participation such as transportation and flexible meeting times. We strongly encourage all to apply. Upon admittance, we will work with the committee member and family to ensure they can participate fully. All participants will receive a small stipend for their participation each month.

Requirements:

- + 14-21 years old
- + Resident of Durham, North Carolina
- + Directly impacted by the school-to-prison pipeline and/or interested in dismantling the pipeline

E-mail final applications to kristen@scsj.org **OR** mail the application to:

Youth Justice Project
c/o Kristen Powers
1415 W Highway 54, Suite 101
Durham, NC 27707

E-mail Kristen Powers with any questions: kristen@scsj.org

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Name (First, Last): _____

Birthday: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

If you are under the age of 18, please have your parent or guardian sign below indicating their permission for you to be considered for participation in the Youth Justice Project Steering Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Please answer all of the following questions. Your answers will not be judged based on grammar or spelling errors.

1) Please write down one to two words that come to your mind when you hear these words

Justice _____

Police _____

Prisons _____

Gangs _____

Community _____

School _____

2) If there were *one* thing that you could tell the police chief or sheriff in your hometown, what would it be?

3) If there were *one* thing that you could tell your school principal in your hometown, what would it be?

4) Do or did you have a school resource officer at your school(s)? If so, did you have any interactions with them? How did your school resource officer make you feel?

5) Pretend you were given one million dollars to improve North Carolina's juvenile justice system and you could spend that money on only one improvement. In two to three sentences, what would you spend that money on and why?

6) Explain one time that you were part of either a group or a team. What did you learn about being part of a team or a group?

7) What are you hoping to gain from this experience?

8) If there is *one* thing you would like *us* to know about you, what would it be?

Thank you for applying to serve on the YJP Steering Committee. You will receive an email about the status of your application on October 6 .