



April 5, 2019

«GreetingLine»

You were recommended to us as an outstanding young person who is both a leader and someone with great ideas to help make our community an even better place to live. As a result, we are writing in hopes you will consider applying to serve on a local board or commission through the Youth on Boards program.

Through this effort, there is the opportunity to infuse youth voices throughout our community – on City commissions, on advisory boards and councils and on several nonprofit boards throughout the community. However, in order to be successful, these efforts need **YOU!** We hope you will think about applying for one or more of these local boards/commissions. Enclosed are descriptions of the different opportunities, as well as an application that can be used to apply for all of them.

As leaders of the City and a local youth-serving nonprofit, one of our key priorities is to increase opportunities for local youth to play an active role in community decision-making. Over the last few years, we have worked with our partners in the school district and the wider community to dramatically increase the available positions for high school students to serve on local boards and commissions. We expect that a record number of positions will be filled by local youth during the 2019-20 school year.

Applications are due to Meleah Follen in office S-109 at Northfield High School, Lisa Malecha at Arcadia, or Daryl Kehler at the Northfield ALC by **3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019**. We will work with the City Council, local school officials, and the students currently serving on boards/commissions to review completed applications and help make recommendations. The selected youth will be officially appointed to the respective boards and commissions by late May.

We hope you will consider applying! If you have any questions, please contact us, Mayor Pownell ([Rhonda.Pownell@ci.northfield.mn.us](mailto:Rhonda.Pownell@ci.northfield.mn.us)) or Zach Pruitt, HCI Executive Director ([zach@northfieldhci.org](mailto:zach@northfieldhci.org)). Meleah Follen, HCI Youth Engagement Director, is also always available to help. Her office is in S-109 at Northfield High School or you can contact her at 612-220-5302 or [meleah@northfieldhci.org](mailto:meleah@northfieldhci.org).

Thank you for considering this!

Sincerely,

Rhonda Pownell  
Mayor, City of Northfield

Zach Pruitt  
Executive Director, Northfield HCI

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