



Dear <First Name>,

April 20, 2022

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, councils and on several nonprofit boards. However, in order to be successful, these efforts need **YOU!** We hope you will think about applying to be a part of one of these local boards/commissions, you will have the opportunity to rank your top five choices. The application can be found by using the QR code below or you can get a paper copy outside H-117 in the high school. There are a few short questions and descriptions of the different opportunities available to apply for this year.

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. As we have seen over the past few years, we are all affected by the decisions made by the leaders in our community. We believe your voice matters in making these decisions; therefore, we continue to work with our partners in the city, school district and wider community to 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 2022-2023 school year.

As stated above, applications can be completed online by using the QR code or following this link www.northfieldyouth.org/apply or you can fill out a paper application and return to the folder on the bulletin board outside H-117 at the high school. Applications must be turned in or completed online by **11:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022**. We will work with the students currently serving on boards/commissions to review completed applications and use their input to make placement recommendations to the City Council, local school officials, and non-profit leaders. 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 Meleah Follen, HCI Youth Engagement Director. She is available at 612-220-5302 or meleah@healthycommunityinitiative.org.

Thank you for considering!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda Pownell".

Rhonda Pownell
Mayor, City of Northfield

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zach Pruitt".

Zach Pruitt
Executive Director, HCI

