



Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations

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YOUTH ACT!

The Youth Advisory Council Team

What is Youth ACT?

- Youth A.C.T. ensures important youth input into the programs and education campaigns of the Human Relations Commission;
- Youth ACT members serve on focus groups that help shape the Commission's Zerohour.Com anti-discrimination campaign, including ads, public service announcements, billboards, "wild postings," buttons, t-shirts, etc;
- Youth ACT empowers youth to take a stand against discrimination, bias and inequities in their schools and communities through specific projects and events that foster respect, tolerance, and cultural understanding;
- Youth ACT helps to create safer schools and communities by teaching youth important skills in preventing harassment, hate-related violence and discrimination;
- Youth ACT monthly meetings provide a fun and safe setting where members explore their own biases and learn about one another's realities with regard to race, ethnicity, culture, economic status, sexual orientation, ability, access to power and access to education.
- Youth ACT member receive training to teach anti-discrimination workshops to other youth at youth conferences and in schools.
- Youth ACT members wrote and produced a CD of anti-discrimination songs and performed these songs for their peers and several LA-based youth groups at a CD Release Party at the Hard Rock Café, Hollywood, 2003

Who Are Youth ACT?

- A 20 person youth team
- From all over LA County
- Representing the diversity of Los Angeles
- Of all different races, ethnicities, cultures, religions, classes, genders and abilities
- Any youth 14-21 years old is encouraged to apply--you do not need to be a student

When is Youth ACT?

- One Saturday a month from 9am-2pm

Where is Youth ACT

- Commission headquarters in downtown Los Angeles:
County Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, 11th Floor

For More Information on Youth ACT Call Youth ACT Coordinator Cherylynn Hoff: 213 974-7629

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APPLICATION

How to Apply:

1. Fill out the information requested below
2. Attach your answers to the essay questions below
3. Include one letter of recommendation (must be from a person who is not a relative)
4. Participate in an interview (you will be contacted)

Application

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

City, State Zip: _____ School: _____

Phone _____ Youth Organization Affiliations: _____

How Would You Get to Youth ACT Meetings? _____
(We're in Downtown Los Angeles)

Essay Questions (Can be written or verbal, in English, Español and other languages)

Please answer each of these questions. Total length: No more than 3 pages or 700 words.

- a) What do you see as the biggest challenge to intergroup relations in Los Angeles?
- b) With so many options for involvement, why are you interested in becoming a Youth ACT member?
- c) What skills and experience can you contribute to the Youth Advisory Council Team?
- d) Youth ACT membership is a commitment that requires your attendance at its monthly meetings. Can you think of conflicts in your schedule that might prevent you from attending all the monthly Youth ACT meetings?

Send Application with Essay Answers Attached to:

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WHAT IS THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS?

The Los Angeles Human Relations Commission is one of the oldest and largest agencies of in the United States that works to:

- foster harmonious and equitable inter-group relations
- empower communities and institutions
- engage in non-violent conflict resolution
- promote an informed and inclusive multicultural society

Youth ACT is part of the Commission's Youth Public Education Campaign.

This campaign uses ads, public service announcements, billboards and other means to promote safer L.A. County schools and communities with messages of anti-discrimination, anti-hate and cultural understanding.

The campaign also works to institutionalize school and community-based programs that provide youth with the knowledge, skills and tools to foster respect, tolerance, cultural understanding and hate prevention.