



Junior Commissioner Project

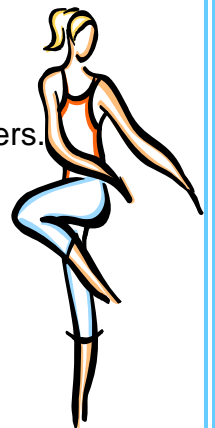
The Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women developed and maintains a leadership program for high school age youth. This program is designed to develop and mentor youth for leadership roles by:

- Giving youth the opportunity to participate in advocacy and take an active role in County government.
- Creating opportunities for youth to develop communication, facilitation and presentation skills.
- Educating high school aged youth about the issues that impact their lives.
- Empowering youth to make a positive impact on their communities.
- Endeavoring to empower youth to develop leadership skills and strengthen self esteem.

Eight to twelve youth are selected to serve as Junior Commissioners each September. Selection is based on a written application and an interview process.

What are the responsibilities of Junior Commissioners? Junior Commissioners are asked to commit to the project for one school year and have the following responsibilities:

- Attend an orientation and training session.
- Attend at least 2 meeting(s) of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Attend monthly Junior Commissioner meetings.
- Participate at the Board of Supervisors meeting honoring Junior Commissioners.
- Participate in the Youth Activist Convergence program.
- Give input to the Commission regarding issues related to youth.
- Share Commission news with their school and community.
- Plan to spend 5-6 hours per month on this project.
- Work with other youth on projects.
- Meet with and get to know Commissioners.



Junior Commissioners may be eligible for school credit for their participation. Transportation subsidies may be available for qualifying applicants.

Are you interested in nominating a candidate to or applying for the Junior Commissioner Project? For information and/or an application, contact the Community Involvement Division at (707) 565-2693 or cid@sonoma-county.org.

Applications for next year's Junior Commissioners are due September 15th.