

2017-2018 Woburn Youth Council Application

A program of Social Capital Inc. (SCI) & the James L. McKeown Boys and Girls Club of Woburn



Applications will be accepted from new members on a rolling basis.

We do encourage interested members to contact our AmeriCorps members with questions & return applications as soon as possible.

The Woburn Youth Council (WYC) is a program designed to place young people in middle and high school in leadership roles to help address community needs. Under the guidance of AmeriCorps advisors, council members are able to participate in community service opportunities based on their interests. Members will earn volunteer hours for each meeting and service-learning event they attend and are eligible for service awards based on those hours. The WYC will meet every Tuesday (starting 10/10/17) at the James L. McKeown Boys and Girls Club of Woburn from 7-8pm. Regular and consistent attendance is a crucial component to the council's ability to fulfill its mission to serve the community and inspire young civic leaders.



For any questions please email one of the WYC advisors:

Hannah Perry- hperry@socialcapitalinc.org or Katie Sullivan- ksullivan@socialcapitalinc.org

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Thank you for joining! Please fill out some information about yourself and take our survey!

Contact Information

Name: _____ Date of First Meeting: ____ / ____ / _____

Age: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

City of Residence: _____ How Long Have Lived There? _____

Language Spoken at Home: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____ Cell Home



Personal Questions

Please answer all questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Please feel free to attach extra paper if more space is needed.

1.) Please write about your volunteer experiences, hobbies, and interests.

2.) Why do you want to become a member of the Woburn youth Council? If you are a returning member, why are you interested in participating in the Woburn Youth Council Again?

3.) What is one community issue you hope can be addressed by the Woburn Youth Council? Why?

4.) What are some social justice issues you are passionate about? (e.g. climate change, education, etc.)

5.) What qualities will you bring to the Woburn Youth Council? (e.g. positive attitude, hard worker, etc.)

Woburn Youth Council Agreement



Dear Youth Council Member:

The purpose of Social Capital Inc.'s (SCI) Youth Council program is to build the civic skills needed for leadership. Our program and tools are aimed at assisting you in reaching your goals, regardless of your previous background. The program is designed to provide you with the means needed to achieve the results you desire.

We're proud of our council members and have high expectations for them. We pledge to provide the instruction, opportunities and individual attention to each member necessary for achievement. We do stress that each person is ultimately responsible for his or her own achievement. Therefore Youth Council members and Youth Council advisors are encouraged to exhibit the following behaviors:

- Effort during meetings and at events
- Honesty and integrity
- Consistent attendance at meetings and events (24 hour notice to one of the advisors if a meeting will be missed along with a valid reason)
- Respect for all Youth Council members and advisors
- Willingness to be open towards trying new ways of doing things

SCI does not guarantee results for Youth Council members; results must be earned.

If accepted, I agree to become a member of the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn.

To ensure that Youth Council provides the best possible experience, we Youth Council members and advisors hereby sign this covenant stating that we are committed to the process of becoming leaders and are willing to try our best to come together to serve our communities.

Youth Council Member Signature: _____

Youth Council Advisor Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

My child may participate in the Woburn Youth Council (WYC) coordinated by AmeriCorps members through Social Capital Inc and the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn. I understand that my child's name and photo may be used in photographs, videos, literature, web pages, and news releases in local papers and other media outlets/ I understand that my child's failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the WYC and the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn may result in dismissal from the council. I also understand that council members and their parents are responsible for transportation to and from all council meetings and activities unless otherwise noted. I will assume full responsibility for any accidents incurred thereby releasing Social Capital Inc. and the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, their staff, and their directors of all liability.

Applicant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Woburn Youth Council Pre-Survey

Please answer all sections.

How would you rate your abilities in the following areas?

	Never Done	Done Once	Done 2-4 times	Done 5+ times
Running or leading a meeting				
Working with others/teamwork				
Giving feedback				
Speaking in public				
Communicating with others				
Planning a community project				
Working on a community project				
Working with people that have different backgrounds & views				

Making Change: Please rate to what degree you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I enjoy volunteering.				
I feel knowledgeable about the issues in my community.				
I can make my voice heard about the issues I care about.				
I feel I can manage a service project.				
I consider myself a leader.				
I work well on a team.				
I can motivate my peers to get involved in their community				
I have clear goals for when I graduate high school.				
I can see myself pursuing a career working for a nonprofit or in public service.				
I plan to vote when I am old enough.				

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Social Capital: Please rate to what degree you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I understand social capital and why it's important.				
I feel safe in my community.				
I trust people in my community.				
I feel respected by the adults in my community.				
Overall, I feel the adults in my community respect youth.				
I have adults I can turn to for help to accomplish my goals.				
I have adults I can turn to for support when I have a problem.				
I have peers I can turn to for help to accomplish my goals.				
I have peers I can turn to for support when I have a problem.				
I have a community where I am comfortable being myself.				

Please list some different ways you could make an impact in your community:

Why did you decide to join the Woburn Youth Council?

How many years have you been a part of the Woburn Youth Council?

- New Member
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- Other : _____