

BURLINGTON YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth making a difference in their community.

WHAT TO KNOW...

Founded in 2002, the first Youth Council began in Woburn with a group of youth ages 12 through 18. Since its initiation, the Council has...

- Overseen an annual mini-grant program that distributes funding to youth-initiated community service groups.
- Developed youth leadership skills through SCI's Youth Leadership Curriculum.
- Reached out to thousands of youth in the community.
- Made a difference through dozens of successful community projects.

Like other youth organizations, the Youth Council has several requirements for its applicants. Members must:

- Be between the ages of 12-18 (and at least in 7th grade).
- Be a resident of Burlington.
- Demonstrate an interest in making a difference in the community and developing leadership skills.
- Show the ability to work cooperatively with a diverse group of youth.
- Be an *active* member: attending a bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday nights at 7PM at the Boys and Girls Club of Woburn, and an average of one weekend service project per month.
- Have parental permission, as well as transportation to and from Youth Council meetings and functions.

Benefits of being a member include:

- Having an opportunity to meet other Burlington youth.
- Finding an excellent source for Community Service Hours.
- Building leadership and civic engagement skills through the curriculum.
- Shape this successful program model to meet the needs of the Burlington Community.

Projects that other Youth Councils have been a part of, as well as helped to fund, include:

- Woburn's Relay for Life.
- Food and coat drives.
- Keystone's "Teen Awareness Night."
- Interact Club's "The Giving Camp."
- Torch Club's Cancer Awareness Walk.

Burlington Youth Council

Applications are due November 24th.
Applications can be found at:
www.sciwoburn.org

Contact Bridget or Jackie for more
information!

Phone: 781-935-3777

E-mail: bhanagan@sciwoburn.org

Application for
BURLINGTON YOUTH COUNCIL

*A Program of Social Capital Inc. (SCI) & the Boys & Girls Club of Woburn
With funding from the Comcast Foundation*



>> *Applications DUE November 24, 2009* <<

Type or print legibly. Please visit www.SCIWoburn.org for an electronic version and up-to-date info.

CONTACT INFO

Name:

Address:

Phone numbers:

(cell)

(home)

Email address:

Age:

School/Grade:

OPTIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC INFO*

We seek to assemble a diverse group of youth to serve on the Youth Council. Therefore, completing the demographic information below is encouraged, but not required.

*Race/ethnicity: _____

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. List Volunteer Experience, Hobbies and Interests:

2. Why do you want to become a member of the Youth Council?

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

4. What assets will you bring to the Youth Council? (i.e., optimistic, good public speaker, hard worker, punctual, etc.)

5. What are your other commitments and/or potential conflicts? *The council members are expected to meet twice a month in addition to participating with other projects throughout the year.*

PLEDGE OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE

The Youth Council is a program designed to place young people in a leadership role in addressing community needs. Council members will participate in a variety of service activities including community service, service-learning, distribution of grants to other youth-led service projects, and teaching other youth through service-based learning initiatives. While the Burlington Youth Council is a voluntary organization, members are expected to regularly attend meetings and events. Regular attendance is a crucial component to the Youth Council's ability to fulfill its mission to serve to the community and build young civic leaders. Because of its importance consistent attendance is a requirement of the Burlington Youth Council.

If accepted, I solemnly subscribe to the purpose and expectations of the Youth Council, and pledge my active participation, including but not limited to consistent attendance at Council meetings and events, and support of the program goals.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Training will begin in December at the Boys and Girls Club, every other Tuesday from 7pm. Please call Jackie Ekdahl or Bridget Hanagan at 781.935.3777 or email them at jekdahl@sci woburn.org or bhanagan@sci woburn.org with questions. Return application with permission slip (note: parent signature is required) by November 24, 2009 to:

***The Boys & Girls Club of Woburn
1 Charles Gardner Lane
Woburn, MA 01801***

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In partnership with the North Suburban Family YMCA*



>> *Parent/Guardian Permission Form* <<

The Burlington Youth Council will provide Burlington youth the opportunity to make grants to other youth-initiated community service-learning projects. Youth council members will receive training on how to manage a grant process and ongoing support from adult advisors, but they will have the decision making authority for determining which projects receive funding and the responsibility to manage implementation of selected grant projects. Additionally, Youth Council members are expected to participate in community service projects and identify ways that they can play a leadership role in the community. Council members will also receive training based on SCI's Civic Skills Checklist, a tool designed to monitor the development of the practical skills needed for successful civic engagement and service initiative.

Parent Contact Information

Printed name of parent(s)/Guardians to contact in case of emergency:

Phone numbers:

Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

Alternative emergency contact if parent(s) cannot be reached:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Other Information

Please note below if there is any medical information the Youth Council adult advisors should be aware of (e.g. allergies, seizures, etc.):

Parent / Guardian's Permission

My child may participate in the Burlington Youth Council coordinated by SCI and the 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 failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Council, SCI and the Boys & Girls Club 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. I understand that I will assume full responsibility for any accidents incurred thereby releasing Social Capital Inc. and the Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, their staff and their directors of all liability.

Youth Council Member's Name Signature of Parent/Guardian Date