OJJDP’s Police & Youth Engagement Project:

Supporting the Role of Law Enforcement in Juvenile Justice Reform

**YOUTH ADVISOR APPLICATION**

**Instructions:**

To apply, candidates must submit the following materials:

(1) Completed application form including all short answers; and

1. Résumé or 1-page summary of your work and volunteer experiences (including extracurricular activities, areas of study, employment and volunteer positions); and
2. At least one (1) letter of recommendation from a *primary reference* who would be available for a phone interview during the week of March 21. Up to two (2) additional references or letters of recommendation will be considered. References or letters of recommendation from the candidate’s immediate family members will **not** be considered.

Candidates will participate in a two-day session that is scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C. in late April 2016. All travel, lodging and meal expenses will be provided for the candidate and a guardian, if the candidate is under 18 years old. Participants will also receive a stipend for their time spent on the project.

Candidates may submit their application materials to Naomi Smoot, Coalition for Juvenile Justice Senior Policy Associate, via an online survey (available [here](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2568558/Youth-Advisor-Application)). Completed applications may also be submitted by email to smoot@juvjustice.org, by fax to 202-887-0738, or mail to 1319 F Street NW, Suite 402, Washington, DC 20004. Please note due to the volume of responses anticipated, we are unable to acknowledge each application received.

Applications are due **Friday, March 4 at 11:59pm ET (10:59pm CT, 9:59pm MT, 8:59 pm PT)**. Candidates may be selected for a phone interview during the review process. If a candidate is selected for an interview, the candidate will be contacted directly. Candidates who are interviewed will be notified of final decisions by April 8, 2016.

**How did you learn about the Police & Youth Engagement Project?**

 If referred, who referred you?

**Contact Information:**

**Last Name:**       **First Name:**       **Middle Initial:**

**Street Address:**       **City:**       **State:**       **Zip Code:**

**Phone Number:**       **Email:**

**What is the best way to reach you?** **Check all that apply.**

[ ]  Phone

 When is the best time to reach you?

[ ]  Email

[ ]  Mail

**Additional Personal Information:**

**Date of Birth:**       (mm/dd/yyyy)

**What gender do you consider yourself?**

**Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?**

**Yes** **[ ]  No****[ ]**

**What race(s) do you consider yourself? Check all that apply.**

**[ ]  Asian [ ]  American Indian/Alaska Native**

**[ ]  Black/African American [ ]  Decline to respond**

**[ ]  Caucasian/White [ ]  Other**

**[ ]  Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian**

**Short Answers:**

Please describe your qualifications and interest in joining the Youth Advisory Group.

1. Please describe your previous or current involvement with law enforcement or the juvenile justice system. *For purposes of this application, previous and current involvement with law enforcement or in the juvenile justice system may include positive and negative encounters with police in the community, arrest, citation, diversion, probation, detention, commitment, residential placement, incarceration, aftercare/parole, mentoring, and engagement at the scene of violence, or referral to community services/treatment. If you have not personally been involved in the juvenile justice system, please describe how law enforcement and/or violence has impacted you, your family, and/or community.* **No more than 300 words.**

1. Please describe your interests in improving police-youth relations. *Please describe your experiences, if any, working with police or other city leaders to improve relations between young people and police? How have relations between police and young people impacted you, your family, and/or community? What changes would you like to see happen to improve relations between police and young people?* **No more than 300 words.**

1. Please describe a situation when you faced a problem working in a group. *What was the problem? What steps did you take to address the problem? What was the outcome? What did you learn from the experience?* **No more than 300 words.**
2. Do you have public speaking experience?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

1. Are you interested in learning public speaking skills, including strategies to share your personal experiences to achieve a goal (e.g., to promote positive policy change and to train professionals and volunteers).

Very interested [ ]  Somewhat interested [ ]  Not at all interested [ ]

1. **Optional:** Please provide any additional information that you'd like the application review committee to consider. **No more than 300 words.**

**Resume/Summary of Work & Volunteer Experience:**

Please submit a resume. If you are unable to provide a resume, please submit a one-page summary of your work, volunteer experiences, any extracurricular activities, or relevant courses of study.

**Letters of Recommendation:**

Please submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a primary reference who would be available for a phone interview in late March. Up to two (2) additional references or letters of recommendation will be considered. References or letters of recommendation from the candidate’s immediate family members will **not** be considered. A candidate’s reference(s) will only be contacted if the candidate has been interviewed.

**Primary Reference #1:**

Last Name:       First Name:       Phone Number:       Email:

Years Known:       Relationship to You:

**Reference #2:**

Last Name:       First Name:       Phone Number:       Email:

Years Known:       Relationship to You:

**Reference #3:**

Last Name:       First Name:       Phone Number:       Email:

Years Known:       Relationship to You:

**Affirmation and E-Signature:**

**I certify that all information submitted in this application is up to date and complete.**

Applicant’s Name:       Date:

**Questions:**

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