



## Junior Commission on Human Rights Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The Junior Human Rights Commission was founded in 2013. Our expectation is that the experience of working on the Junior Commission will both encourage participants to be involved in the day-to-day issues that affect their community and stretch the boundaries of their individual and collective exploration of the meaning and impact of human rights.

We believe that participation in the Junior Commission will:

- Produce a comprehensive understanding of the true meaning of *Human Rights*
- Bring a greater awareness of the day-to-day issues that affect their lives
- Create opportunities to develop communication and facilitation skills
- Empower participants to recognize and act in ways that make a positive impact on their schools, their families, their friends and their own self esteem
- Result in the knowledge that one individual truly can make a difference

Sonoma County high school students ages 14 through 18 are selected each spring to serve as Junior Commissioners for the following school year. Selection is based on a written application and an interview process.

**On a separate piece of paper, please respond to the following questions:**

1. Why do you want to be part of the Junior Commission?
2. What are your educational, personal, and career goals?
3. What talents, skills, and/or personal experiences will you bring to the Project?
4. What issues related to human rights are important to you?

**Please indicate you are willing to commit to the following (please check the boxes):**

- Attend monthly Junior Commission meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month 4.30pm (meetings held at 2300 County Center Dr., Santa Rosa, 05403). Special orientation meeting is August 29, 2019.



- Attend at least two Human Rights Commission meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM.
- Assist with at least one Commission event.
- Participate in a community service event/project
- Attend an all-day field trip related to human rights issues or legislative issues
- Give input to the Commission regarding issues related to youth
- Share Commission and Junior Commission news with their school and community

Full attendance by each Junior Commissioner is essential to the success of the full Commission. By signing below, you agree to make that commitment.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed and signed application to the Commission on Human Rights at 575 Administration Drive, Suite 116B, Santa Rosa, 95403; or by fax to (707) 565-3770; or by email to [chr@sonoma-county.org](mailto:chr@sonoma-county.org). **Applications for the 2019-2020 term are due April 15th. The interviews for the program will be held the weeks of May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 13th.**

For more information, including online applications, please visit [www.sonomacountychr.org](http://www.sonomacountychr.org), Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SonomaCountyCommissionOnHumanRights/?fref=ts> or by calling the Commission at (707) 565-2821.