

# JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGY GROUP YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR 2019-2021 COHORT

## Application

THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION



### Application for Youth Council Representative

If you are applying to represent your state or local juvenile justice youth council, then complete this application. Prior to completing this application, your council should have agreed that you are the designated member to pursue this opportunity.

To apply, candidates must submit the following materials:

- Youth Council Representative application form;
- resume and most recent transcript. If you are unable to provide a resume or transcript, please submit a summary of your education, work and/or volunteer experiences; and
- at least two, and no more than three, letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a sponsor organization in your community. As a representative of a youth council in your state or local jurisdiction, you have the option to choose your council or another organization as your sponsoring organization. For a description of sponsor organization requirements, see page 3 of the Application Overview document.

Candidates may submit their application materials [online](#) or send to Kelsey Johnson, Community Law in Action (CLIA) via e-mail [kelsey@cliayouth.org](mailto:kelsey@cliayouth.org), fax to 410.706.0041 or mail to CLIA, 520 West Fayette Street, Suite 140, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Applications are **due Friday, November 16, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.** A limited number of candidates will be selected for interviews. These candidates will be contacted using the phone and email information submitted on their application form. Candidates who are interviewed will be notified of final decisions by the end of January 2019.

### Qualifications

Youth Council Qualifications:

- The youth council should have an explicit focus on the juvenile justice system and/or youth justice reform.
- At least 50 percent of the youth council's members should have current or former justice system involvement.
- The council representative that is nominated by the group should have former justice system involvement.

At a minimum, the candidate should have the following experiences, skills and qualities:

- 18-25 years of age on November 16, 2018, which is the application due date;
- past or current juvenile justice involvement (e.g., probation, detention, commitment, residential placement, incarceration, and/or aftercare/parole)
- willingness to listen and learn;
- passion about and commitment to juvenile justice reform;
- skills in problem solving and critical thinking; and
- past or current experience in juvenile justice reform (e.g., organizing, policy advocacy or development, program development, research).

The following experiences, skills, and qualities are preferred:

- interpersonal skills;
- strong writing and public speaking skills;
- political astuteness; and
- knowledge of and/or direct connection to JDAI and/or the Juvenile Justice Strategy Group's work.



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 call                                       Email  
 Text message                                       Mail

When is the best time of day to reach you?

**Additional Personal Information:**

Date of birth:

What gender do you consider yourself?

What are your preferred pronouns?

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

No

Yes, Mexican, Mexican American or Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin (e.g., Colombian, Salvadoran)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian (e.g., Thai, Pakistani)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American         | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander (e.g., Fijian, Tongan) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to respond                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean                            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese                        |  |

**Council Information**

Please confirm that you are the only member of your youth council submitting an application.

Yes  No

Council name:

Street address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Council Leadership

(This should be the adult partner involved in leading and/or coordinating the youth council)

Last name:

First name:

Middle initial:

Phone number:

Email:

What year was the council started?

Who does the council advise?

How many young people belong to the council?

How often does the council meet? If you know the meeting dates for 2019, please list them.

When does your term on the council end?

### Short Answer Questions – Youth Council Representative

1. Please describe your previous or current involvement in the juvenile justice system. *For the purposes of this application, previous and current involvement in the juvenile justice system may include diversion, probation, detention, commitment, residential placement, incarceration and/or aftercare/parole.* **No more than 300 words.**
2. Please describe your interest in youth justice reform. *What changes would you like to see in the juvenile justice system and why?* **No more than 300 words.**
3. Please describe your experience with justice reform work or advocacy. **No more than 300 words.**
4. Please describe how your experiences and skills would strengthen the Youth Advisory Council and its work. **No more than 300 words.**
5. Please describe your short- and long-term professional goals and interests. What experiences and/or skills are you hoping to learn as a Council member? How do these experiences and/or skills relate to your short- and long-term professional goals and interests? **No more than 300 words.**
6. **Optional:** Please provide any additional information that you'd like the application review committee to consider. You are welcome to submit a creative piece (poem, video, etc.). **No more than 300 words or two minutes (video/recording).**

### Youth Council Questions

Please describe your state or local council's qualifications and interest in joining the Juvenile Justice Strategy Group's Youth Advisory Council. You are welcome to consult with your fellow council members to complete this section.

1. Please describe a juvenile justice system or youth justice reform effort your council engages in currently or pursued in the past, the role you play(ed) in that effort and the impact it had. **No more than 300 words.**

2. What experiences and/or skills are you hoping to bring back to your council? How do these experiences and/or skills relate to the short- and long-term goals and interests of your state or local youth council? **No more than 300 words.**
3. **Optional:** Please provide any additional information that you'd like the application review committee to consider. You are welcome to submit a creative piece (e.g. video, poem). **No more than two minutes (video/recording) or 300 words.**

### Resume/Transcript

Please submit a resume or your most recent transcript. If you are unable to provide a resume or transcript, please submit a summary of your education, work, and/or volunteer experiences.

### Letters of Recommendation

Please submit at least two letters of recommendation. No more than three letters of recommendation will be considered. **One of these letters must be from your sponsor organization (see next section).**

Please list the writers of your letters of recommendation as references below.

#### Reference One:

Last name:                      First name:  
Phone number:                Email:  
Years known:                 Relationship to you:

#### Reference Two:

Last name:                      First name:  
Phone number:                Email:  
Years known:                 Relationship to you:

#### Reference Three:

Last name:                      First name:  
Phone number:                Email:  
Years known:                 Relationship to you:

### Sponsor Organization

Each applicant who is selected is required to have a sponsoring organization within their community that can link them to local juvenile justice reform efforts and provide navigation support during their term on the JJSG Youth Advisory Council. As a representative of a youth council in your state or local jurisdiction, you have the option to choose your council or another organization as your sponsoring organization.

Please provide information regarding a sponsor organization that has agreed to provide you with support should you be appointed to the council. The point-of-contact at the organization should write a letter of recommendation that also indicates that they will agree to sponsor you.

Name of organization:

Address:

Website (if applicable):

Contact person:

Phone number :

E-mail:

### Mentor

Do you currently have a mentor? If so, please list their name and contact information.

### Travel

Do you have any conditions or limitations, including probation, parole or aftercare conditions, that restrict your ability to travel?

### Additional Information (Optional)

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? **No more than 150 words.**

### Affirmation and E-Signature:

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

Applicant's name:

Date:

### Questions

If a candidate is selected for an interview, they will be notified directly. If you have questions regarding the application requirements or Youth Advisory Council, you may contact Kelsey Johnson at [kelsey@clayouth.org](mailto:kelsey@clayouth.org) or 410.706.3875.