

WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?

- Have a voice in local government to share the youth perspective on local issues.
- Develop positive relationships with adults on the County Board.
- Gain knowledge of the civic and political processes that affect you.
- Become more confident in public speaking and working with adults.
- Become more engaged in your community and what happens there.
- Involvement with Superior Days lobbying event as member of the Youth Delegation.

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YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE

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YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD



2009-2010

*Youth
Representatives*

YOUTH VOICES ON THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD

The Douglas County Board is now accepting applications for three youth to serve as Youth Representatives on the County Board. Youth must currently be in grades 9 or 10 this school year. Selected students will serve a two-year term of office.

Student representatives will represent the youth of the county on the County Board. This initiative provides youth an opportunity to play a valuable and active leadership role in the governance of the County, while developing their own interests in how local government works.

Youth Representatives also have an opportunity to share the youth perspective on current issues as well as becoming engaged citizens of Douglas County.

Application materials will be available at all county high schools, the Extension office in the Courthouse, or at the following website: <http://douglas.uwex.edu/4h/CYD.html>

TERMS OF OFFICE

Youth Representatives serve two year terms of office. The first year you will serve as an alternate, and the second year you will serve as a main Youth Representative. Youth applying this year will serve from September 2009 to June of 2011. Youth receive a \$25 meeting stipend for attending Board or committee meetings.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Youth involvement on the Douglas County Board will require not only enthusiasm, but a commitment of your time and energy to this important role. If selected, you will be required to attend monthly Board meetings or committee meetings. You might be asked to become actively involved in exploring an issue and following through on whatever action is taken about the issue.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications and three reference forms are due by June 1, 2009.
- Please mail the application to the address listed on the application.
- One reference form should be from a parent/guardian and the other two from someone at your school or in the community.
- Interviews and/or selection of candidates will be made by June 15, 2009.
- Orientation and training will be held at the courthouse in August.
- Terms will begin at the September County Board meeting.

