



Human Rights Commission, Student Representative Self-Nomination Form

The City of Palm Springs is seeking Student Representatives to serve on the Human Rights Commission.

Please review and fill in necessary information. Applications can be submitted by one of the methods below:

1. Email to: Dale.Cook@palmspringsca.gov (Subject line: Student Representative Program)
2. Mail to: City of Palm Springs, c/o Human Rights Commission, P.O. Box 2743; Palm Springs, CA 92262
3. In Person: City Clerks Office at City Hall, 3200 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

The application deadline is **September 21, 2018.**

The Mission of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission is to promote and protect the diversity of our community and to improve human relations through education and community awareness.

Application Criteria

The Commission is seeking highly engaged students that demonstrate the following criteria. By submitting this nomination form you certify that you have read and meet the requirements. All nominations are subject to review by the Commission.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the mission of the Human Rights Commission.
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Be a student in good standing (GPA 3.0 or higher).
- Have experience in extra-curricular activities.
- Have effective interpersonal skills (e.g., influence, diplomacy).

- Comfort working with City staff and officials.
- Have an understanding of the challenges and opportunities that face youth, as it relates to the mission of the Commission, and be able to articulate and advocate the youth perspective.
- Must be a resident of Palm Springs, attending a school in Palm Springs.

What's Involved in being a Student Representative on the Human Rights Commission?

- Attend monthly Commission meetings (second Monday of every month) and other events as necessary.
- Advise the Commission on issues, concerns or opportunities important to youth.
- Work with Commissioners to set goals for the year and work collaboratively to accomplish those goals.
- Student term is approximately September-August.

Candidate Information & Statements

The following info will be shared with Commissioners to assist them in making an informed decision about you.

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone #	
Email Address	
Are you a Palm Springs Resident?	
School Name	
Grade (Fall 2018)	8 th grade <input type="checkbox"/> 9 th grade <input type="checkbox"/> 10 th grade <input type="checkbox"/> 11 th grade <input type="checkbox"/> 12 th grade <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent/Guardian Information (First, Last Name)	
Street Address City, State, Zip	
Phone #	
Email Address	
Reason(s) for seeking position	

Endorsements (you may decide to collect and submit written endorsements from your teachers, administrators or peers – this is encouraged but not required)

Name	
Date	
Endorsement	

Name	
Date	
Endorsement	

Name	
Date	
Endorsement	

MEMBERSHIPS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/CIVIC EXPERIENCES/VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE			
Organization name	Location	Dates of participation	Positions held/accomplishments

Application questions (please type and limit your answers to two pages)

- 1) What does Diversity & Inclusion mean to you?
- 2) If you were the successful candidate, what would your priorities be in serving on the Human Rights Commission?
- 3) Keeping the Commission’s mission statement in mind, what do you see as the top two issues facing youth at your school and within the Palm Springs Unified School District? How would you champion those issues as the Commission’s Student Representative?
- 4) After serving as a Student Representative on the Human Rights Commission, when you look back, what would you want your legacy to be? What would you want to have accomplished?

Please read before signing and submitting application:

The term of appointment for each student selected to serve a term or terms as a Student Municipal Representative are established and stated at the time of their appointment. Student representatives will serve from September through May. Appointments do not carry over from year to year. Students may reapply each year for the same or different commission.

Student commission members are required to attend all commission meetings and conduct him/herself in a professional manner. Missing more than two meetings or unprofessional conduct that is disruptive to the proceedings may be cause for dismissal from the program. Student representatives are encouraged to participate in the meetings, but are not a voting member of the commission.

The City of Palm Springs does not discriminate on the actual or perceived race, religion, color, sex, age, marital status, ancestry, national origin (i.e., place of origin, immigration status, cultural or linguistic characteristics, or ethnicity), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or mental disability, or medical condition.

The facts set forth in my application are true and complete. I understand that if appointed, false statements on this application shall be considered cause for dismissal. I authorize investigation of all statements and matters contained in this application which the City of Palm Springs may deem relevant to my appointment.

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Human Rights Commission, Student Representative Program

The City of Palm Springs is offering a government representative program for students interested in applying for a non-voting position on the city's Human Rights Commission for the 2018/2019 school year. The student representative program is designed to encourage volunteerism, civic responsibility and provide valuable real-life experiences for high school students who live in Palm Springs.

Participants will attend their first meeting in September. Students successfully completing the student representative program will be recognized by City Council Members in May of the following year and receive special recognition for their civic contributions to the community.

REQUIREMENTS: To be considered for a student position, students must complete and submit a Student Representative Self-Nomination Form and participate in an interview process. If accepted, attend monthly meetings during the school calendar year. Students are invited to apply at the end of their freshman, sophomore or junior years for participation in the following school calendar year. Palm Springs residency is required.

HOW TO APPLY: Complete and submit the Student Representative Self-Nomination Form as well as a letter of interest describing why you would like to serve on the Human Rights Commission at the City of Palm Springs. Students have the option to submit endorsements from teachers, administrators or peers (maximum of three endorsements). Submit all items together to the City of Palm Springs, c/o Human Rights Commission, P.O. Box 2743; Palm Springs, CA 92262 or email to Dale.Cook@palmspringsca.gov with subject line Student Representative Program. Applications are available online at www.palmspringsca.gov or at City Hall, 3200 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

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