

Youth Advisory Board Application 2015 – 2016

Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Program, in collaboration with Oregon Children's Theatre, is accepting applications for its Youth Advisory Board. This is a unique opportunity for students from ages 13 – 18 from the Portland and Southwest Washington area. Members of the board will serve as youth ambassadors and provide feedback to staff on how to best inspire young people to make healthy choices and build strong communities.

What is Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Program, and how does it collaborate with the Oregon Children's Theatre?

Kaiser Permanente understands that good health extends beyond the doctor's office and is proud to support initiatives like the Educational Theatre Program. The Educational Theatre Program enables students to step into poignant scenarios, prompting thought and dialogue about everyday decisions that shape the quality of their health and their lives.

Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Program is over twenty-five years old and serves all seven Kaiser Permanente regions (Northern California, Southern California, Colorado, Mid-Atlantic, Northwest, Hawaii, and Georgia). In 2006, Kaiser Permanente joined forces with Oregon Children's Theatre, a nationally recognized company that has been producing professional children's theatre since 1989. In this exciting partnership, Kaiser Permanente and Oregon Children's Theatre work together to provide in-school performances and residencies that explore a wide range of health and wellness issues. Since 1986, Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Program has reached an estimated 15,206,780 million people.

Applicants who serve on the 2015 – 2016 Youth Advisory Board must be between the ages of 13 – 18 years old when membership begins in June 2015.

As a Youth Advisory Board Member, you'll get to:

- Roll up your sleeves for a few hours a month for planning, good fun, building new friendships, and high leadership opportunities
- Have a voice in identifying areas for improvement within your school and community, and build active strategies for change
- Serve as an ambassador for The Educational Theater Program at events, meetings, and conferences
- Reflect, advise and provide feedback on existing ETP programs, play development and processes
- Build skills in public speaking, advocacy, writing, leadership, teamwork and creative collaboration, arts education, and more.
- Share your point of view and educate others through theatre, visual art, videos, podcasts, and social media
- Join and lead periodic meetings (every 4 – 6 weeks) in person
- Board members will receive a stipend for their participation and meals will be provided at some convening's

Expectations:

- Attendance and active participation in meetings
- Willingness to represent the Educational Theatre Program at events, meetings, and conferences (schedule permitting)
- Be an ambassador for the health of your communities
- Provide feedback to staff on how to best inspire young people to make healthy choices and build strong communities through the use of theatre and education
- Advocate for your peers within your communities
- Have a voice in identifying areas for improvement within your school and community, and build active strategies for change
- Apply your passion, intellect, and creativity to issues that matter to young people

Application check list:

1. Carefully fill out all sections of the application accurately. Make sure you allow yourself enough time to fill out all of the application form. We cannot consider incomplete applications.
2. The application and permission slip must be completed and received or post-marked by Friday April 10th, 2015.

Send completed application with (scanned) signed permission slip to emily@octc.org or via mail:

Youth Advisory Board @ Kaiser Permanente's Education Theatre Program, in Collaboration with Oregon Children's Theatre, 1939 NE Sandy Boulevard, Portland, OR 97232

In you have any questions contact us: emily@octc.org

WRITTEN APPLICATION FORM:

Please fill in the information accurately and honestly before submitting the application. We appreciate your thoughtful, considered, and candid comments.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name _____

Last name _____

Preferred name (nickname) _____

Gender _____

Birthdate _____

Email address _____

Cell Phone _____

Home address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

How did you hear about the Youth Advisory Board (circle all that applies):

- Community event
- Friend/Family member
- School (Teacher/Counselor/Principal)
- Oregon Children's Theatre
- Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Program staff
- Out-of-school time organization (YMCA, Boys and Girls club):
- Internet/website
- Other, please specify:

PARENT or GARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent or Guardian 1

First name _____

Last name _____

Relationship to the applicant _____

Email _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Address _____

Can we reach your parent/guardian at these numbers in case of an emergency?

Y/N

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We want to know a little bit about you – read through the following questions and answer as best you can. Be honest! Be original! Be yourself! We don't care about right or wrong answers; we care about who you are!

Please list 3 extra-curricular activities you participate in and why they are important to you:

1.

2.

3.

SKILLS

Listed below are the skills that could be useful for the Youth Advisory Board members to have.

Pick one (or more) and tell us how you think that skill could be used to inspire young people to make healthy choices and build strong communities.

- Public speaking
- Photography
- Theatre experience – Performance
- Theatre experience – Script writing
- Theatre experience – Production (lighting, sound, costumes, make-up, etc)
- Blogging/podcasting/texting
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Writing/editing
- Multimedia/communication/web-design
- Community service
- Fundraising
- Advocacy
- Grant writing
- Visual Art – painting, drawing, illustrating

Please share about the skill/s you picked:

SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS

Tips for submitting Essays:

- Each essay must be no more than 300 words
- Give yourself plenty of time to write and proofread your answers to the essay questions
- Read the entire question before answering and make sure to write in complete sentences
- There are no wrong or right answers – we want to know more about who you are

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Youth Advisory Board? How do you think being a part of the Advisory Board will help you in helping others to make healthy choices and build strong communities?

2. What are three challenges people in your community face that you are passionate about improving?

3. (Pick one of the following to answer)

If your future job was to design creative ways for youth to become healthier, what are some ideas you might suggest to your school and to communities?

If you were asked to speak in front of a group of adults about the importance of healthy choices in young people's lives, what would you say?

Remember to fill out the permission form, have it signed by your parent/guardian and send it back!