

## APPLICATION

*Please print clearly or type:*

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 6. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Gender:    M        F
8. What school do you currently attend? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
10. What district/neighborhood do you currently live in (ex. Lansing, Holt, Okemos)?  
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*\* The following question is voluntary and intended to insure that members of the ICYC represent a cross-section of the community:*

11. Identify your ethnicity/nationality:

- African American/Black
- Arabic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Caucasian/White
- Chicano/Hispanic/Latino
- Mixed Heritage - Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach additional pages for the following questions if necessary.*

12. What are two or three of the biggest issues or problems that you feel are facing youth in Ingham County? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## APPLICATION/INFORMATION

### Ingham County Youth Commission (ICYC)

#### WHO IS AN INGHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONER?

- ✓ A young person between the ages of 12 and 18
- ✓ A resident of Ingham County
- ✓ Someone interested in developing leadership and advocacy skills
- ✓ Someone who has opinions and ideas about how to improve the quality of life for youth in Ingham County
- ✓ Someone interested in learning about county government
- ✓ Someone who enjoys working with other youth and adults

#### QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...

Q. What does the ICYC do?

*A. The ICYC serves as a youth advisory board to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. The ICYC makes sure that youth from the community have a voice in government policies relating to youth issues. This is done by educating both youth and adults in the community about the issues that are found by the ICYC to be important. Youth Commissioners also brainstorm and implement projects that will benefit the community.*

Q. How many Youth Commissioners are there?

*A. Many counties in many states have Youth Commissions. They typically consist of between 10 and 20 Commissioners. The ICYC will house 15 members.*

Q. When are the ICYC meetings and events?

*A. The ICYC will meet once per month. Because the ICYC is dedicated to empowering youth to create change, meetings and events are planned and facilitated by youth. After the initial meeting, dates and times will be specified by the youth.*

Q. What is the time commitment of a Youth Commissioner?

*A. Besides monthly meetings, the ICYC will coordinate special projects in which each member should be involved. Youth will be responsible for serving up to a three-year term ending in August of each year, and are eligible for one re-election into the ICYC.*

13. Pick one of the issues you listed above and describe some of your ideas on how to address the issue or solve the problem. \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Do you have experience advocating or working to improve the community? Please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Provide a brief statement as to your interest in serving on the ICYC. \_\_\_\_\_

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16. The ICYC requires you to participate in both monthly meetings as well as community activities as developed by the group. The ICYC also asks that you commit yourself to at least a two-year term, with a commitment not to exceed six years. Do you feel that you have an adequate amount of time that you could commit to the ICYC?

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*Once you have completed all sections of this application, please sign the following statement. All applicants must complete this section for their application to be considered.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and I have made every attempt to answer all questions truthfully and to the fullest extent possible.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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