



GC Student Leadership Board

Overview and Application Details

Overview

Generation Citizen (GC) believes all students have the right to civics education that prepares them to participate in our democracy. We partner with schools to implement an action civics program that teaches students how to address community issues through local government, and in the past five years, GC has served over 26,000 students across the country. Now, leading into a new chapter of programming and growth, the organization would like to develop a Student Leadership Board in order to better learn from students' GC experiences, better support student alumni's civic leadership development, and better elevate student voice as a core tenet of the GC story.

Role and Responsibilities

The Student Leadership Board will focus on two main areas: programmatic feedback and improvement, and building youth voice within the organization and within the field.

Board member responsibilities include:

- Attending an in-person summer training retreat with the full board
- Attending and helping facilitate Democracy Coach training in their GC regions each semester
- Attending and helping organize Civics Day in their GC regions each semester
- Participating in monthly conference calls
- Participating in GC's Democracy Speaker Series program, co-presenting with GC's Executive Director in schools and community organizations on the GC experience up to once per month (evenings/weekends)
- Active leadership on projects to improve the GC student experience

Structure

The Student Leadership Board will be comprised of 10 young people, with 2-3 representatives from each of GC's current program sites (Greater Boston, New York City, Rhode Island, and the San Francisco Bay area). Members are expected to dedicate 2 hours per week to Board activities. Each Student Leadership Board member will receive a \$1,000 stipend for their year of service, as well as traveling and lodging paid for the summer retreat.

All GC alumni, ages 14-20, are encouraged to apply to the Student Leadership Board. Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications:

- Active participation in and completion of full GC core program semester
- Locally-based / accessible to GC local program activities for upcoming school year
- Comfort with public speaking
- Demonstrated leadership, dependability, interest in civic participation, and commitment to GC's core values
- Ability to devote evening and weekend hours as needed for Democracy Speaker Series Program

Application Process

Students should apply through the Generation Citizen website (www.GenerationCitizen.org), on the "Student Leadership Board" tab under the heading "Our Team." The application includes:

1. General contact information
2. Long-answer (100-250 word responses) to questions about the applicant's interest and availability
3. A 2-4 minute video of the applicant describing their GC experience, which should be recorded separately and uploaded to the online application as a .avi, .mov, or .mp4 file*

*Should students need assistance recording their video, they are welcome to do so with GC staff at our offices. Just email Sarah at sandes@generationcitizen.org to schedule an appointment.

Application Deadline: Midnight the evening of May 18th



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CONTACT DETAILS

Full Name: _____ State: _____

Age: _____ School: _____ Ethnicity (Optional, Check all that Apply):

Grade in 2015-16 School Year: _____ ___American Indian/Alaskan / Pacific Islander

Personal Phone Number: _____ ___Asian American

Email Address: _____ ___Black/African American

GC Teacher's Name: _____ ___Hispanic/Latino

Gender (Optional): ___Female ___Male ___Decline to State ___White/Caucasian

___Other: _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you want to join the GC Student Leadership Board? (Max: 250 words)
2. What do you think is the purpose of the GC program, and why is that important? (Max: 250 words)
3. Describe one specific example of your leadership. (Max: 100 words)
4. What is one thing that you would suggest to improve the GC program? (Max: 100 words)
5. What other extracurricular activities will you be involved in next year (2016-17 school year)? Do you have time to commit to this program?
6. In what city do you anticipate living in during the 2016-17 school year, and will you be a high school or college student or working during that time?

VIDEO PROMPT* (2-4 minutes, uploaded as a .avi, .mov, or .mp4 file)

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- Introduce yourself (Name, Age, School, City)
- Describe your GC project: What was your class' focus issue and goal? What action did you take?
- Tell us about your experience: What did you learn from Generation Citizen? How was it impacted your academic or personal life or future plans?