



Call for Nominations

The Skillman Foundation's President's Youth Council

Overview

As a fierce champion of Detroit children, The Skillman Foundation's most important advisers are unequivocally Detroit's young people. We revere their perspectives and insights and regularly seek ways to incorporate their input into our work. As part of our commitment to developing effective community solutions that place [Kids First](#), our President & CEO, Tonya Allen, is establishing the President's Youth Council (PYC). Council members will identify issues that are most important to Detroit youth and provide the president with their perspectives on the Foundation's efforts to improve and expand educational and economic opportunities for young Detroiters.

Logistics

- The Council will consist of 10 youth who are:
 - Between the ages of 12-20
 - Residents of Detroit
 - A diverse range of ages, races, genders, abilities, interests, neighborhoods, schools, etc.
- Council members are expected to:
 - Attend 2-3 meetings per year
 - Occasionally gather input from other Detroit youth outside of regular meetings
 - Serve a two-year term
- Members will be financially compensated for their time in the following ways:
 - \$250 per meeting
 - A \$1,000 stipend upon successful completion of a two-year term
 - Full reimbursement for transportation

Responsibilities

Council Members will:

- Discuss issues and ideas that are significant to them and their peers.
- Provide input to inform the Foundation's role as a changemaker in Detroit.
- Gather insights and feedback from other young people.

The Foundation will:

- Learn from young people and incorporate their ideas and perspectives into our work.
- Facilitate conversations about the issues and ideas that are most important to young people.

Outcomes

Council Members will:

- Influence the direction of the Foundation's work to improve and expand educational and economic opportunities for young Detroiters.
- Grow their leadership skills and network through the program, helping them expand their influence and voice beyond their involvement with the Foundation.

The Foundation will:

- Develop more effective, youth-driven community solutions.
- Create deeper relationships with Detroit youth leaders.

Timeline

- **August 26:** Call for Applications Opens
- **September 25:** Deadline to Submit Applications
- **Week of October 19:** Council Members Notified of Selection
- **Week of November 9:** Inaugural Council Meeting & Orientation

Qualifications

All youth must be:

- Residents of Detroit
- Between the ages of 12-20
- Able to serve a two-year term on the Council
- Able to attend two-to-three meetings per calendar year (virtually or in person)
- Willing to occasionally consult with the president outside of Council meetings
- Willing to discuss issues and ideas that are significant to them and their peers
- Willing to occasionally gather input from other Detroit youth

Nomination Process

- All nominations are due on **Friday, September 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST.**
- Youth can either be nominated by someone else or can nominate themselves.
- Nominations can be submitted online or via email (see pgs. 3-4 for the nomination application).
 - **Online Applications:** Click [here](#) for the PYC application link
 - **Email Applications:** Email to Jessica Eiland Anders at janders@skillman.org

Additional Information

- To learn more about the Foundation, visit our [website](#).
- For any questions about the nomination process, contact Jessica Eiland Anders at janders@skillman.org or 313-393-1169.

PYC Nomination Application

1. Nominator Contact Information

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

2. Youth Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

3. What is the nominee's date of birth? (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

4. How do you know the nominee? (Please indicate if you are nominating yourself)

5. Please list any community organizations the nominee is currently involved in and the level of their participation (e.g. member, leader, etc.).

6. Please list any schools the nominee has attended or is currently attending (middle school, high school, and/or college).

7. Why do you believe the nominee is ideal to serve on The Skillman Foundation's President's Youth Council? (Max: 300 words)

8. How have you seen the nominee making a difference in their community and or/in the lives of other Detroit youth? (Max: 300 words)