

2022 Call for Nominations The Skillman Foundation's President's Youth Council

Overview

The Skillman Foundation works to ensure Detroit youth have the tools and supports they need to be the designers of their destinies. We invest in their formal and informal education; in experiences that help them learn about the world and about themselves. And we help to amplify the voices of young people.

Naturally, our most important advisers are Detroit youth.

We look to our President's Youth Council to provide perspectives on the issues they see as most important to Detroit kids. Their insights guide our priorities and strategies.

"The Skillman President's Youth Council is a space where your voice and opinions about important issues in Detroit are heard and you can do something about it. It's an opportunity to be proactive in the community and bring light to people who are also doing so."

-Joelle, Current President's Youth Council Member

Who is The Skillman Foundation?

We are a private foundation founded by Rose Skillman. Rose didn't have any children of her own, but she loved kids. She founded The Skillman Foundation in 1960 and left her fortune to it. Over the past 62 years, this money grew and gave, with approximately \$700 million granted to date to schools and nonprofits that support kids. And it keeps going. We keep at it, asking Detroit youth: What do you need? What do you want your future to look like? And what can we do to help?

Qualifications

- The Council will consist of 10-15 youth who are:
 - Between the ages of 12-21
 - Current residents of Detroit
 - A diverse range of ages, races, genders, abilities, interests, neighborhoods, schools, etc.
- Council members are expected to:
 - Attend all required in-person meetings (up to 12 per year) (**Note:** Transportation is not provided but transportation costs are factored into compensation)
 - Serve a two-year term
 - Fully engage in the Council's discussions and work
 - Members will be financially compensated for their time
- Council Members will:
 - Discuss issues and ideas that are significant to them and their peers.
 - Influence the Foundation's work as a grantmaker and changemaker in Detroit.
 - Gather insights and feedback from other young people.
 - Have opportunities to participate in various events and activities outside of regular meetings.
 - Grow their leadership skills and network through the program, helping them expand their influence and voice beyond their involvement with the Foundation.

Timeline

- **Thursday, August 18:** Call for Applications Opens
- **Friday, September 16:** Deadline to Submit Applications
- **September – October:** Application Review & Interviews
- **November:** Council Members Notified of Selection
- **January:** Inaugural Council Meeting & Orientation

Nomination Process

- All nominations are due on **Friday, September 16, 2022 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 pages 3-6 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](#).
- To learn more about the President's Youth Council, click [here](#).
- For any questions about the nomination process, contact Jessica Eiland Anders at janders@skillman.org or 313-393-1169.

The Skillman Foundation's President's Youth Council Nomination Application

Section 1: Informational Questions

These questions are informational only and will not impact your consideration for the Council.

1. Are you nominating yourself or someone else?

Myself

Someone else – please briefly share how you know the nominee:

2. Youth Contact Information

If you are nominating yourself, please complete all the information below.

If you are nominating someone else, please complete the information that you know to the best of your ability.

Full Legal Name _____

First, Middle, Last

Preferred Name _____

If different

Date of Birth: _____

Month, day, year

Pronouns

He/Him/His She/Her/Hers They/Them/Theirs _____

Circle or write-in

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Alt. Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (Youth Ages 12 – 17 Only)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

3. Nominator Contact Information

Please complete only if you are nominating someone else.

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

4. How did you hear about the President's Youth Council? (Check all that apply)

Skillman's Website

Skillman's Social Media Page (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

An Ad on Social Media

Email

Word of Mouth (Please specify who): _____

Other (Please specify how): _____

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

6. Please list any schools the nominee is currently attending. (If applicable)

Section 2a: Self-Nomination Questions

Please complete this section only if you are nominating yourself.

7. Why do you believe you are a good fit to serve on the President's Youth Council? (Max: 300 words)

8. What is your vision for Detroit youth in the next 5 years? (Max: 300 words)

Section 2b: Nominator Questions

Please complete this section only if you are nominating someone else.

7. Why do you believe the nominee is a good fit to serve on the 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)