

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FORM (3 PAGES)

## ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE PREFERRED

Recommender's Name:

Recommender's Title & Organization:

Recommender's Phone:

Recommender's Email:

Name of the applicant you are recommending:

Length of time you have known the applicant you are recommending:

Please see the RWPZ Youth Advisory Council position description on page 3 of this document and rate the applicant's readiness level (both ability and interest) to participate in and effectively contribute to the Council:

Ready Now    
  Ready in 2-3 years    
  Ready in 4-5 Years    
  Ready in 5+ Years

For each category noted below, please rate your applicant's skills and abilities using the following rating scale:

N/A = unable to judge    
 1 = average ability    
 2 = above average ability    
 3 = superior ability

	N/A	1	2	3
Ability to articulate feedback, ideas and solutions to a wide range of audiences.				
Ability to remain flexible, positive, enthusiastic, and approachable.				
Confidence and ability to engage in community outreach with a diverse audience.				
Ability to follow through with commitments.				
Confidence to present an idea or project to a group of adults and peers.				
Ability to interact constructively with peers in a group setting.				
Ability to use technology and virtual collaboration/conference platforms.				

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Please share an example of how the applicant you are recommending has demonstrated his/her ability for one of the categories you rated above (please indicate the category):

Is there additional information you would like to share about the applicant that will help us understand his/her ability and interest to be an effective member of RWPZ's Youth Advisory Council?

**Recommender's Signature**

**Date**

### **SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Please save completed recommendation form with the updated file name to begin with applicant's last name, "**LastNameRWPZYAC2019**" and email completed form to [volunteer@rwpzoo.org](mailto:volunteer@rwpzoo.org).

### **DEADLINE**

RWPZ must receive all completed application materials and the Recommendation Form(s) for each applicant by **November 27, 2018**. Selected participants will be contacted in December.

## Reference Materials for Youth Advisory Council Recommendation Form – Provide to Recommender (PAGE 3):

The Roger Williams Park Zoo Youth Advisory Council will inform future RWPZ initiatives by providing thoughtful feedback and a unique perspective. Members will serve as a voice for youth within the Zoo and community. Youth Advisory Council members will collaborate to lead, design, and execute various initiatives and projects that will positively impact the Zoo, community, animals, and the environment.

### Essential Position Functions:

1. Provide thoughtful feedback and perspective on RWPZ initiatives such as strategic planning, education program development, events, gift & food concessions, marketing campaigns, exhibit design, and more.
2. Work with other members of the Youth Advisory Council to design and execute youth-led projects that will positively impact the Zoo, community, animals, and the environment.
3. Actively communicate with Youth Advisory Council members and staff both in person and through virtual platforms.
4. Occasionally represent Roger Williams Park Zoo in media, alongside RWPZ Public Relations department.

### Qualifications:

1. Age 16 - 21 at time of application. Age verification may be required.
2. Commit to two years of participation, with attendance at and active contribution to one meeting per week. Meetings will be 11 am – 3 pm Sunday afternoons, with some taking place at the Zoo and others via video/phone conference. Lunch will be provided at meetings taking place at the Zoo.
3. Attend initial orientation weekend January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.
4. Arrive on time and stay for each entire meeting.
5. Have the ability to articulate ideas and solutions regarding teen & young adult issues and concerns.
6. Have confidence and ability to engage in community outreach with diverse populations.
7. Demonstrate a high level of comfort using technology and virtual collaboration/conference platforms.
8. Have the ability to interact constructively with peers in a group setting.
9. Be flexible and willing to learn.
10. Have reliable transportation to and from the Zoo.
11. Have reliable access to a computer or mobile device.
12. Adhere to all policies described in the Roger Williams Park Zoo's Volunteer Handbook.

### Benefits:

1. Free year-round admission to Roger Williams Park Zoo for yourself.
2. Unique opportunity for personal and professional development.
3. Special tours and experiences at Roger Williams Park Zoo.
4. Contribution to the growth and advancement of Roger Williams Park Zoo.
5. Opportunity for election by peers to the Roger Williams Park Zoo Board after 1 year of participation.