



TeenRep

Teen Representative Civic Participation Program

"An opportunity to better involve and invest teens in their community and their community in them."

THE WHAT

The Kenmore Teen Civic Participation Program – or TeenRep for short – offers Kenmore teens the opportunity to serve as a teen representative and participate directly in the process of local government.

THE WHY

The TeenRep opportunity provides an important voice for teens in local leadership, as well as an invaluable source of information to and from City leadership to teens within our community.

THE WHO

The TeenRep program is opportunity-focused. The TeenRep opportunity requires committed teens willing serve their peers by representing the "teen perspective" in City leadership and being a conduit of information, to/from their peers to/from City leadership.

THE HOW

The Planning Commission and the Downtown Task Force meet twice per month. These meetings last 2-3 hours. Meeting days are posted online. TeenReps will also need to read and review provided materials (packets) to come prepared for discussion at each meeting.

THE COMMITMENT

The TeenRep opportunity requires a commitment of not only time, but also the efforts needed to be a positive voice for teens in Kenmore and the Northshore area. This level of commitment will directly reflect how effective each TeenRep member is in serving their peers and our community. TeenReps serve September – June of each year.

THE CREDIT

As a non-paid, volunteer community-service position, the Kenmore TeenRep Program may satisfy school Community Service requirements. Please talk with your advisor about how this service may be of benefit to you.

THE APPLICATION

Applications are accepted year-around from teens in zip code 98028, Inglemoor HS sophomores and juniors. Interviews begin in May. TeenReps serve when they are juniors and seniors in high school beginning in September (or June/July if available over summer). The first year of this exciting opportunity is 2008, so the application period will begin in June and interviews will be conducted in September.

MORE INFORMATION

www.ci.kenmore.wa.us

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kenmore City Hall - 6700 NE 181st Street Kenmore, WA 98028
425-398-8900, info@ci.kenmore.wa.us

4. Please describe past or current leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have that would be valuable to the position for which you are applying.
5. What is your background, knowledge, and/or experience in local, state, and/or federal government? (e.g. classes/courses, tours, conferences, trips, media, etc.)

1. Please state any work experience, beginning with your current occupation and employer, or volunteer experience.

2. Please write a short bio listing hobbies, school extracurricular activities, education, work history, etc.

TeenRep Applicant Signature: _____

- Applications are accepted year-round from Kenmore teens and IHS sophomores and juniors –
- TeenRep appointees serve June through June consistent with the NSD schedule –

Return Application to:
City Manager's Office, City of Kenmore
6700 NE 181st Street Kenmore, WA 98028
(425) 398-8900– info@ci.kenmore.wa.us

*Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. Volunteers play a vital role in Kenmore government. **We appreciate your interest!***

TeenRep Application checklist

- Read Kenmore TeenRep Information Packet and TeenRep Informational Brochure
- Completed Kenmore TeenRep Application
- Completed Kenmore TeenRep Applicant Pledge *WITH ALL SIGNATURES*
- References Completed
- 1) Name:
- 2) Name:
- 3) Name:

City of Kenmore TeenRep Applicant Pledge

The Kenmore Teen Civic Participation Program – or TeenRep for short – offers Kenmore teens the opportunity to serve as a teen representative and participate directly in the process of local government. Appointing teens as junior non-voting members to a City of Kenmore board or commission offers teens a voice on issues and decisions that impact their lives, the lives of their peers, and citizens of all ages throughout the community to help make Kenmore a better place to live, work, and play.

This opportunity requires a significant commitment. A commitment of not only time, but also the efforts needed to be a positive voice for teens in Kenmore and the Northshore area. This level of commitment will directly reflect how effective each TeenRep member is in serving our community. TeenRep is not an opportunity to be taken lightly, as the decisions made and opinions shared can often directly impact critical policy decisions, with the subsequent outcomes of these decisions felt throughout the Kenmore community.

Each teen interested in becoming a TeenRep member does so for his or her own reasons. For some, it's the desire to give back to the community. For some, it's a genuine interest in making a difference. For some, it's a personal interest in the complicated workings of the governmental process. Still others hope to gain approval from college admission boards for work they have done in the community. While all these reasons are legitimate, those interested only in the mechanics of resume building are encouraged to apply elsewhere. The Planning Commission and the Downtown Task Force have important work to do and they have pledged to accept and encourage teen participation.

Whatever your personal reasons for applying for the TeenRep opportunity, the most important thing is for your reasons to be enough for you to stay committed to the appointment throughout your term. Making a commitment to the TeenRep program is a commitment of 100%, now and in the months to come. Great are the rewards, but so also are the sacrifices. Appointment is only the beginning. Your signature below constitutes your personal pledge and commitment to being a TeenRep:

- I will **attend all meetings** as scheduled by my board or commission.
- I will come **prepared** to all meetings by reading all meeting informational packets.
- I will **actively participate** in discussion topics, representing not only my own opinion, but that of my peers and what I think best reflects the interests of other teens and the community.
- I will **stay informed** of community information relative to my appointment.
- I will **talk with my peers** about the issues discussed at meetings and **report back** as needed.

Your signature below constitutes your pledge to comply with the policies, procedures, and guidelines of the TeenRep program, as well as those of the City board or commission to which you are appointed *for the duration of your term*.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reference Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reference Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reference Signature: _____

Date: _____

City Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____

City of Kenmore TeenRep Reference Form

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- TeenRep Applicant: Please give this form to any three (3) *non-family members* who know you well. You MUST include at least one (1) teen, one (1) teacher, and one (1) other adult.
 - Reference: Please complete form and return to TeenRep Applicant or mail to:

**City Manager's Office
Kenmore City Hall
6700 NE 181st Street
Kenmore, WA 98028
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info@ci.kenmore.wa.us

TeenRep Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

How long have you known the TeenRep Applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the TeenRep Applicant? _____

Please share why you think the TeenRep Applicant would be good for the TeenRep opportunity. (*Note: Please see the TeenRep informational brochure or the TeenRep "Applicant Pledge" for more information on the TeenRep opportunity.*)

Reference Printed Name: _____

Reference Signature: _____

Reference Phone: () _____

Date: / /

Reference Email: _____

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