



City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Program FAAB Member Fact Sheet

The Youth Opportunities Program

The Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) strengthens the community through empowering youth, providing opportunities for youth, encouraging youth civic participation and community service, and advising city government. The program, part of the Department of Housing and Human Services, was established in 1994 and is funded through a .15% Sales Tax.

YOAB

The YOP is advised by a diverse group of 16 high school students, the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB). YOAB provides opportunities for city youth and advises the city government on youth-related policies and issues. Board members allocate approximately \$150,000 annually to local youth programs, provide technical assistance to local youth service providers, and organize events for the Boulder youth community. Examples of past events include: the Martin Luther King Jr. rally & youth writing contest in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, "Voices" art shows, and leadership presentations for middle school youth.

Fabulous Adult Assistance Board (FAAB)

The FAAB is a small diverse group of adult volunteers who support YOAB members. FAAB members: are genuinely interested in young people, value them as critical members of our community, are committed to encouraging their development as opposed to telling them what to do. FAAB members are not decision-makers and do not have approval authority over the YOAB. FAAB members have no involvement in funding allocation decisions, which avoids any potential conflicts of interest. FAAB members must be available to fulfill the time commitment stated below as much as possible. In return for their commitment, FAAB members have the opportunity to be inspired as they witness a group of powerful young people learn, grow, and lead in the context of civic engagement.

FAAB Time Commitment

- Attend YOAB meetings the first Friday of each month (September-May) from noon-2:00 pm.
- Attend a portion of the annual YOAB retreat, August 13-15, 2010
- Work with a subcommittee and attend associated evening meetings as available.
- Attend YOAB functions as available, i.e. dinner with City Council, Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards, other events planned by YOAB members
- FAAB members serve one-year renewable terms, and generally serve no more than two years.

FAAB Role

- Offer professional and community expertise, resources and contacts to YOAB
- Support YOAB members: attend meetings/events, listen, demonstrate interest
- Under the guidance of the Youth Opportunities Coordinator, coach one project-based subcommittee first semester
- Listen, and provide specific training/mentoring to YOAB members as interested/ possible

Selection Process

Interested adults are invited to complete an application by July 28, 2010. YOAB members and staff will review the applications and interview selected candidates.

Questions?

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