



Greetings Educator and Youth Advocates:

Since its inception in 1990, the Metropolitan Education Commission's (MEC) Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress (YAC/TTC) has proven of exceptional value. Composed of middle and high school students representing public, private, charter and parochial schools across our city and county, the YAC/TTC gives youth a strong positive voice in our community. In October of 1993, the Tucson Mayor and Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors amended the resolutions establishing the MEC to include two youth representatives on the MEC. These students are chosen by the YAC/TTC to represent youth in the MEC's decision-making process.

The goals of the YAC/TTC are to provide youth/student input on policies and programs designed to improve the quality of education throughout Pima County and to engage in activities, which foster leadership, citizenship, and the best educational opportunities for all Tucson youth. The YAC/TTC has been identified and utilized as an important contributor to the City of Tucson and Pima County community organizations to increase youth civic involvement.

Countywide annual co-sponsored events include the Annual Teen Town Hall; Student Civic Engagement Day at the State Capitol in Phoenix; League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair; Goal One: Graduate! Poster Contest; Dorothy Finley Outstanding Teen Citizen Awards; Counselor of the Year Award; Metropolitan Education Commission Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon; The Key to Employment for the 21st Century Symposium; and the Regional College Access Center (RCAC) Advisory Committee. Members also have the unique opportunity to meet with our elected city and county officials to share and discuss ideas and concerns on what is taking place with the youth in our schools, neighborhoods, and communities. In addition, YAC/TTC students have the opportunity to travel to Phoenix with the group to meet with State Legislators to discuss education issues.

The selection process for the YAC/TTC is underway, and we are seeking your assistance in the recruitment of two students to represent your school. In its efforts, the YAC/TTC seeks a cross section of youth, representative of the diversity of our community and schools. The YAC/TTC is also interested in a broad range of students with different skills and abilities as well as interests. YAC/TTC membership affords students opportunities for personal growth, community engagement, leadership development, public speaking skills, committee participation, board service, networking, and more.

The Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress core group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the months September through May at the Metropolitan Education Commission, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We encourage your students to consider this distinctive opportunity for membership into the Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

Applications for service can be downloaded at www.tucsonaz.gov/mec and emailed to metcom@theriver.com; U.S. mail or fax to the MEC office, 520-670-1110. If you have any questions please contact MEC Program Coordinator Ed Nossem at 520-670-0055.

Sincerely,

Arlene Benavidez, M.A.
MEC Executive Director

Madeleine Zheng
YAC/TTC President-Elect

**2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE
ON THE
METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS**
www.tucsonaz.gov/mec

To: President
Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress
Metropolitan Education Commission
930 E Broadway
Tucson, AZ 85719-5728

I am very interested and willing to commit my time and effort to service on the Metropolitan Education Commission's (MEC) Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress, which provides youth/student input in developing recommendations as to policies and programs designed to improve the quality of education throughout Pima County.

(Please print all items legibly)

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade _____

Name of your school district: _____

Anticipated high school graduation date: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

PLEASE NOTE: The MEC communicates through emails; please print your email address legibly so that we can contact you.

Please provide us with information about yourself, activities/clubs and/or community service, etc.:

College/Career plans after high school:

Briefly discuss what you believe could be done to improve the education system in Pima County.

Why do you believe you would make a good Youth Advisory Council/ Tucson Teen Congress member?

The following information is used for demographic purposes only:

Race/Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Disability Accommodations Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Parent/Guardian Information

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

By having a parent/guardian sign below they certify they understand and agree to their student participating as a volunteer in the YAC/TTC program provided by the Metropolitan Education Commission.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this application, I certify that all of the information provided is true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith. Misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification or termination as a YAC/TTC member. I understand that I will be volunteering my time to participate in this program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

We are an Equal Opportunity Organization. We consider applications for all positions without regard to age, race, color, religion, natural origin., sex, sexual orientation, military status, disability, or any other legally protected status pursuant to Arizona Fair Employment Practices Act, and other relevant federal, state and local laws. Those applicants requiring reasonable accommodation to the application and/or interview process should notify the Metropolitan Education Commission at 520-670-0055.