



Greetings Educator and Youth Advocates:

The selection process for the Youth Advisory Council / Tucson Teen Congress (YAC/TTC) membership is underway, and we are seeking your assistance in the recruitment of two students to represent your school. We are seeking a cross section of youth, representative of the diversity of our community and schools; and have broad range of skills and abilities as well as interests. The YAC/TTC membership affords students opportunities for personal growth, community engagement, leadership development, public speaking skills, committee participation, board service, networking, and more.

Since its inception in 1992 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.

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.

Annual events include the Teen Town Hall in Tucson, Civic Engagement Day at the State Capitol in Phoenix; 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Symposium; the Youth and Peace Conference; and the College Center 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 during the annual Civic Engagement Day event.

The YAC/TTC meets twice a month on the second and fourth Monday from September to May. Meetings take place at the MEC office located in the Santa Rosa Neighborhood Center, 1080 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue., from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We encourage your students to consider this distinctive opportunity. Applications for membership can be downloaded at [www.metedu.org](http://www.metedu.org) and emailed to [info@metedu.org](mailto:info@metedu.org); mailed to 1080 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701; or faxed to the MEC office at 520-670-1110. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Nossem, Program Coordinator at 520-670-0055, x14.

Sincerely,

Arlene Benavidez, M.A.  
MEC Executive Director

Madeleine Zheng  
YAC/TTC President-Elect

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2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ON THE  
METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION  
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated high school graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your school district: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**(PLEASE NOTE: Please print your email address legibly so that we can contact you effectively.)**

**The following information is used for demographic purposes only:**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Free Lunch? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Reduced Lunch? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity:  African American  Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Hispanic/Latino  Native American  
 White  Multi-racial

Gender:  Male  Female

Disability Accommodations Required:  
 Yes  No

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

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College/Career plans after high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**Parent/Guardian Information**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Medical Release:</b> In the event of an injury, I hereby give permission to provide medical treatment to my child if I cannot be present. <input type="checkbox"/> I Do <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not _____ Parent/Guardian's Initials</p>
<p><b>Media:</b> I hereby grant permission for program staff to record my child's likeness and/or voice for use in photographs, television, films, radio, or print media to further promote the program in related campaign magazines, booklets, posters, and in other ways as needed. <input type="checkbox"/> I Do <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not _____ Parent/Guardian's Initials</p>
<p><b>Release Clause:</b> The undersigned hereby releases all liability and holds harmless the Metropolitan Education Commission and the personnel thereof, from all liability as a result of my child's participation in this program.</p>

**REQUIRED SIGNATURES**

**PARENT:** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT:** By signing this application, I certify that all 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.