

## Youth for Rise Advocacy Network

The Youth for RISE (Re-invest in Supportive Environments) advocacy network is for youth and young adults ages 13 to 24 who have been directly impacted by suspension or expulsion from school, school-based arrests, or the juvenile justice system. Youth who are not directly impacted by these experiences but are dedicated to helping improve the education and juvenile justice systems are also encouraged to apply.

The Youth for RISE advocacy network (YRAN) will meet in person the first three Saturdays of each month. All YRAN Members and volunteers will be notified of any changes to the meeting schedule. The central goal of the Youth for RISE Advocacy Network is to amplify the voices of young people in creating policies that directly impact youth and young adults.

All members will receive a stipend of \$25 for their participation each week. Receipt of the full stipend is dependent upon meeting the following requirements:

- Attendance \$5
- Participation \$10
- Respect \$10

Youth for RISE staff will determine if each participant has met the requirements during each meeting.

Youth for RISE members must be committed to attending every meeting. A Youth for RISE member must attend more than 1.5 hours of the 3 hours meeting time to claim attendance at a meeting. A Youth for RISE member attending any meeting for less than 1.5 hours will not receive a stipend for that meeting. If a Youth for RISE member is unable to attend a meeting, it is that member's responsibility to notify a member of RISE staff at least eight (8) hours before the scheduled meeting. A Youth for RISE member that will miss more than three (3) consecutive meetings must provide a reasonable explanation for the extended absence to a member of RISE staff. RISE staff will determine what is reasonable. A

A Youth for RISE member that misses three (3) consecutive meetings, without providing a reasonable explanation for the extended absence, will no longer be a stipend receiving member of Youth for RISE beginning the next scheduled meeting after the missed meetings. Non-stipend receiving members of Youth for RISE are classified as Volunteers. In order to be reinstated as a stipend receiving member, a Volunteer must:

- Attend three (3) consecutive meetings while on Volunteer status,
- Meet with RISE staff and provide an explanation for the extended absence which occurred,
- Explain why the explanation was not provided prior to missing three (3) consecutive meetings, d
- Develop an action plan with the RISE staff to avoid the same or similar situations in the future,
- Sign an agreement that outlines the action plan.

The Volunteer Youth for RISE member will once again begin receiving a stipend at the next scheduled meeting after signing the agreement that outlines the action plan.

Participants will also receive stipends to attend local, state, and national conferences focused on improving the education and juvenile Justice systems. Please signify your agreement to abide by the requirements to become and maintain your commitment to juvenile justice advocacy in the Youth for RISE Advocacy Network by filling in your personal information and signing this agreement below. If you are under the age of 18, your parent must also sign this agreement.

<u>Name (First, Last):</u>
<u>Birthday:</u>
<u>Email Address:</u>
<u>Phone Number:</u>
<u>Home Address:</u>

If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign below signifying their consent for you to participate in the Youth for RISE Advocacy Network.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Thank you for submitting your application to serve on the Youth for RISE Advocacy Network. If accepted, you will serve for a one (1) year term. You can submit this application to [valerie@riseforyouth.org](mailto:valerie@riseforyouth.org) and contact her with further questions at 804-709-8780.