



2019 Youth Infusion Board Overview

Ages 13-18

Are you a naturally curious person, a good problem solver, and critical thinker? Would you like to become an ambassador of science literacy? Do you believe that *Science Matters* to every person in our community, state and region?

Consider applying to become a member of the Kentucky Science Center's Youth Infusion Board.

The Youth Infusion Board is open to any student age 13-18 with an interest in assisting the Science Center spread the message about science as a part of everyone's daily life. Members of the Board provide a primary link to the community, making each Board member essential to the strength of the Science Center serving in an important volunteer role. Service on the Board carries a number of requirements, as well as formal and informal expectations. The Science Center's goal is to provide a rewarding and enjoyable Board service experience while working alongside staff, volunteers and board members to advance the vision of the Science Center.

Requirements:

- Student must be age 13 by October 1, 2018 to be eligible for the 2019 application process.
- All Youth Board members (new and returning) must attend the initial board meeting in January. Date TBD. All Board members must attend team meetings as assigned. No more than two unexcused absences will be allowed.
- All Youth Board members are required to attend at least two signature events throughout the 2019 calendar year. Additionally, all board members are required to complete volunteer service projects, provide teen perspectives to the KSC team, and spread the word of teen-directed initiatives to classmates and peers.

Submission Requirements:

All applications must include the following information:

1. An introductory cover letter telling us a little about yourself (hobbies, interests, extracurricular activities, clubs of which you are a member, etc). Please also include a list of any organizations to which you are presently a volunteer, as well as any previous volunteer or work experiences you think would be relevant to service on the Youth Board at the Science Center.
2. Completed application form (available online at <http://kysciencecenter.org/volunteer/>)
3. Two, one-page recommendation letters (*Must be from non-family member such as a teacher, mentor, employer, coach, guidance counselor, etc.*)
4. A one-page, typed, descriptive essay (*See below for details*)

Your one-page descriptive essay should address the following:

Required -

1. Header including your name, address, preferred phone number, email address
2. Tell us what being an Ambassador of Science Literacy means to you.
3. What are your educational interests and goals?
4. How will participating in the Youth Infusion Board benefit you or help you achieve your goals?

As space allows, additional questions you could address include -

- What you have done or are you currently doing to achieve your goals?
- What personal accomplishments you are most proud of?
- What are your favorite subjects? Why?
- Where you see yourself in five and ten years?

Deadline & Submission Information

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, November 2 to be considered for 2019 Youth Infusion Board. Submit your completed application and all required attachments to the attention of "*Youth Infusion Board:*"

Mail or Deliver to...

Kentucky Science Center
Youth Infusion Board
ATTN: Jenna Dixon
727 West Main Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Selection Criteria / Process

All eligible applications will be reviewed and interviews will be set with qualified candidates. Interviews will take place in December/January. All applicants will be notified of our decisions.

Selection criteria includes:

- Interest in improving science literacy
- Achievements
- Attitude toward self and others
- Commitment to success
- Motivation
- Reliability
- Responsibility
- Teamwork

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Youth Infusion Board or volunteer opportunities, please contact:

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