



# **Congressman Jared Polis**

Second Congressional District of Colorado

## **Youth Advisory Council Application**

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### **About the Process**

The District office of Congressman Jared Polis is seeking high school students from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District (CD2) to serve on the CD2 Youth Advisory Council. Participants will represent diversity in culture, gender and issue area interest, as well as diversity in the geographic areas of CD 2.

As a Youth Advisory Council member, participants will be asked to share with the Congressman their experience, comments and ideas on a variety of topics such as education, health, environment, energy, economy, workforce and immigration. The council will discuss these issues from the perspective of the youth population and will discuss current events and legislation.

### **Council Participation**

In addition to members-at-large, the Council will be comprised of the following:

- Facilitator, Sue Windels, Boulder office staff member
- Two Co-chairs, elected by participants
- Secretary, elected by participants

The Congressman will participate in meetings when his schedule allows, and other Congressional staff will be in attendance per meeting agenda.

Council term is for the 2013-14 school year. Members who are appointed in their high school sophomore or junior year will have priority for membership in subsequent years if they wish to continue as a member.

The membership will be comprised of up to 28 persons, two students per school district. Appointments are made by Congressman Jared Polis with input from his staff.

### **Council Member Responsibilities**

The official responsibilities for the CD2 Youth Advisory Council include and are not limited to the following:

1. Attend meetings, currently held once a month on Saturday afternoons in the Boulder office. If a member has to miss a meeting, the facilitator should be notified.
2. Decide on meeting agendas, format, and frequency. Telephone conferencing will be available to those unable to travel to specific meetings.
3. Read documents provided by the District Office on specific issue areas so that all are able to contribute to the discussion and help develop ideas for federal policy. Also, participants will be asked to share information they have gathered independently with the rest of the council.
4. Members are bound to the same Congressional Rules of Ethics as the Congressional Office. Orientation will include additional information. Individual participants and/or the Advisory Council as a whole cannot represent themselves as members of Congressional staff or speak on behalf of the Congressman.
5. This Advisory Council will operate in a manner that is inclusive and respectful of the diversity that each member brings to the group.

## Member Application Submission

Advisory Council Member applications must be received by Congressman Polis' Boulder office by June 14, 2013. Also, please attach a current resume. Completed applications can be submitted in the following ways:

- Deliver by hand to the Boulder office between 8:30 a.m and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Send by email to [sue.windels@mail.house.gov](mailto:sue.windels@mail.house.gov)
- Send by regular mail to the Boulder office  
Office of Congressman Polis  
4770 Baseline Rd. Suite 220  
Boulder, CO 80303
- Fax to 303-568-9007, attention Sue Windels

## Youth Advisory Council Member Application

*Please send a current resume in addition to the following information*

### Personal Information

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Name

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Home Street Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone Number

Email

### Education

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School

School Address

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Dates Attended

Grade Level in 2013-14

Current GPA

### Essay

Please pick one of the following issues and write a brief essay (750 words or less) on its importance to you personally and to you as a young person in the United States.

- Education
- Health
- Environment
- Energy
- Business and/or the Economy
- Workforce Development
- Immigration
- Other issue area of your choice

I certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my ability.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date