



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 2nd Congressional District (CD2) to serve on a newly-created 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. Members of the council will help to organize events in their communities around these issues when appropriate.

Council Participation

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

- Council Chair, Christina Brown
- Two Vice-chairs, elected by participants
- Secretary, elected by participants

Duties of each of these officers will be outlined at the first meeting of the Youth Advisory Council and those interested can nominate themselves for consideration. The Congressman will participate in meetings to be determined, and other Congressional staff will be in attendance per meeting agenda.

Council term is for the 111th Congress, which ends on 12/31/2010.

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

Council Member Responsibilities

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

1. Participants will decide on meeting agendas, format, and frequency. Location will be revolving, with telephone conferencing available to those unable to travel to specific meetings. This Advisory Council will operate in a manner that is inclusive and respectful of the diversity that each member brings to the group.
2. Participants can choose to (and will be encouraged to) hold a District-wide forum and/or other events on a topic of their choice. The District office will work with participants to organize outreach events on specific issue areas in various communities.
3. Participants will be asked to read documents provided by the District office on specific issue areas, so that all are able to contribute to the discussion of these issues and help develop ideas for federal policy. Also, participants will be asked to pass on information that they have gathered independently for the rest of the council.

4. Participants 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. Participation is voluntary.

Member Application Submission

Advisory Council Member applications must be received by Congressman Polis's Boulder office by January 4, 2010. Please also attach a current resume. Completed applications can be submitted in the following ways:

- Deliver by hand to the Boulder office between 8:30AM and 5:30PM, Monday through Friday
- Send by email to Christina.Brown@mail.house.gov
- Send by regular mail to the Boulder office (see address on cover page)
- Fax to 303-568-9007, attention Christina Brown

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Please send a current resume in addition to the following information

Personal Information

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email

Education

School

Address

Dates Attended

Grade Level

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
- 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.

Print Name

Signature

Date