

## **Youth Advisory Committee Member – Volunteer Position**

Youth Rising Above is an organization dedicated to inspiring, empowering and transforming the lives of youth at-risk within the community through dynamic and engaging programs.

Youth Rising Above is currently accepting volunteer applications for its 2020-2021 Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). YAC members will receive a \$150 honourarium upon completion of their one year term. Transit tokens will also be provided to those YAC members who require them. C

**Role Description:** Youth Rising Above's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) will form part of a broader youth engagement strategy which will seek to encourage a youth relationship by providing a voice to young people in shaping YRA's programs and initiatives, while facilitating greater input and involvement by youth. The committee will also collaborate with the larger YRA team on events, programs and other initiatives, thereby increasing the organization's awareness of youth engagement.

**Anticipated Start Date:** April 2, 2020

**Term:** 1 year, 3-7 hours/month

**Location:** Toronto

### **Responsibilities:**

- Develop and grow the Youth Advisory Committee with support from the YRA team
- Work with the Executive Director and YRA leaders/volunteers to set goals and objectives for YRA's strategic plan
- Attend YRA teleconferences, workshops or in-person meetings as necessary
- Conduct online research with various stakeholders including youth populations, organizations and community members on challenges faced by youth and best strategies on alleviating these circumstances
- Work as a liaison between youth populations and the staff and board of directors of Youth Rising Above
- Contribute to the research, design and development of YRA programs.
- Support the development of youth focused outreach material
- Support the fundraising and outreach initiatives of YRA

### **Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated commitment and sensitivity towards inclusion and diversity for marginalized youth populations
- Demonstrated ability to communicate with marginalized populations in respectful, empathetic and non-judgemental ways

- Strong written and verbal communication and active listening skills
- Demonstrated organizational skills, including record/minute keeping, research, filing and general administrative tasks
- Ability to work well independently and as part of a team, including working with other diverse youth populations
- Recognizes and understands the current challenges faced by youth, including those who are marginalized or at-risk
- Ability to problem solve and make recommendations to resolve social issues adversely impacting youth populations
- Passionate about civic engagement and willing to take initiative in implementing community development strategies
- Ability to think critically and brainstorm innovative and relevant strategies for community development
- Leadership and Youth Advisory Committee experience an asset

Youth Rising Above welcomes and encourages applications from persons of any gender identity, sexual orientation, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and Indigenous candidates. Should any accommodations be required during the application process, candidates are encouraged to contact Youth Rising Above.

More information about Youth Rising Above can be found at <https://youthrisingabove.org/>

*Interested applicants must apply directly on [www.youthrisingabove.org/youth-advisory-committee](http://www.youthrisingabove.org/youth-advisory-committee) or can contact Emma Finley at [emmaf@youthrisingabove.org](mailto:emmaf@youthrisingabove.org) for more information. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*