



# Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison Application



Name: Sarah Adamsha Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

What grade are you entering in the fall of 2024? Please circle 9th 10th 11th 12th  
School Attending: Mountain Ridge High School

Have you been a Youth Advisory Board member for at least six months? Yes No

The following questions are to be answered in short-answer, essay format. Use separate sheets of paper or digital documents if needed.

- Select one of the following areas:  
Public Safety, Economic Development, Water Security, Innovative Government.

Please share your interest in the area and how advancement in that area will benefit the youth in Peoria.

answered on separate sheet

- Please describe your experiences with government activities (Youth Government Day, Legislature Field Trip, School Government functions, or other related):

answered on separate sheet

- Please describe an accomplishment in your recent past that you feel illustrates your qualifications for the position of YAB Council Liaison:

answered on separate sheet

- How do you plan to contribute to the Peoria community while serving in this capacity?

answered on separate sheet

Please also provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation (professional/work/school).

I agree to the YAB Council Liaison guidelines and the commitment to attending the City Council meetings to represent the youth of Peoria.

[REDACTED]  
Signature

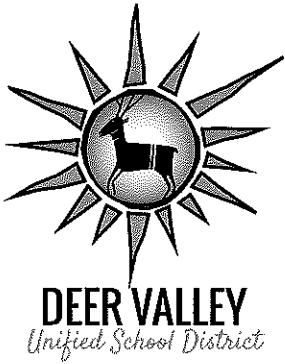
3/7/24  
Date

Application and two letters of recommendation due to Brian Carrico by Thurs, March 7, 2024 by 6pm,  
Email to [brian.carrico@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:brian.carrico@peoriaaz.gov) or drop at Community Services Office, 9875 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Office Use Only:**  
Date of Appointment: 4/25/2023  
% of YAB meetings attended in the past 12 months: 88%

1. I am interested in the area of Public Safety. I think that this advancement would especially benefit the youth of Peoria and I am very passionate about it. One incident that happened especially made me passionate about public safety. A student was crossing the street from Sunset Heights Elementary to Liberty High School and was hit by a car. This student tragically passed away. To this day, there is a memorial on Deer Valley Road, where this student was hit. Incidents like this make me realize how dangerous it can be for Peoria youth. Many students also should be properly educated on safety, since that is not a topic that is discussed enough. Some of the youth that live in Peoria do not know public safety, and I think that it is especially important for youth in this day and age. I also think that an advancement in public safety would lead to a safer place for youth in the city. This is especially important with many dangers such as human trafficking, road dangers, assault, drug abuse, and more. An advancement in this area could make the youth more aware of the dangers, and can also create a safer space in our city.
2. I attended the 2024 annual Youth Government Day as a volunteer. It taught me a lot. I really loved how we are teaching what the Peoria government does to the eighth graders. When I was in eighth grade I had no idea what was going on in the city around me. I think that educating them gives them a bigger role to play in their city. It makes them want to be involved in their community. I think that was a big success. I also enjoyed one activity that current Youth Council Liaisons Ana and Allyiz held. This activity showed how every opinion is valued and as youth we have a voice that can be heard. This position for Youth Council Liaison is the best way for me to advocate for Peoria Youth.
3. One recent achievement of mine was placing third out of ninety four competitors at the State Career Development Conference for my event in DECA. This proved to me my dedication, and that if I work hard enough for something I will achieve it and excel at it. I believe that it will be the same for any activity I undertake including this position of YAB Council Liaison. This position requires a commitment of which I am able to do. DECA also taught me leadership and innovation skills. I am much better with my creativity and ideas after placing in this competition. This is important to this position because in order to put valuable input into these council meetings and properly advocate for youth, I need to have these skills. This achievement enhanced these skills, and I am now properly equipped to provide insight into council meetings.
4. I plan to contribute to the Peoria community through this role. As a Youth Council Liaison, you attend the council meetings. This means learning, paying attention, and discussing important issues around our city and how we can better it. Serving in this role allows me to experience and help Peoria youth by advocating as a young person with higher power. There are many important issues that the council discusses, and some of these issues directly impact the lives of many of the youth in our city. This role allows me

to advocate for Peoria youth as well as bring positive change to our city. I'd also like to bring light to issues that Peoria youth are facing. I feel that this position is the best way to do that. All of these things will help me contribute to the Peoria community and properly serve in this role of Youth Council Liaison.



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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Sarah Adamsha who is applying for a position of Youth Council Liaison for the Youth Advisory Board of Peoria. Although I just met Sarah this year, I have gotten to know a young person who is ready to be proactive in her school and community. She is a wonderful communicator and is very goal-oriented. She hopes to enter a career in either Business or Law, although she has a variety of interests and hopes to explore as many as possible during high school and college.

Sarah has already joined DECA, Speech and Debate and FBLA at Mountain Ridge High School. Outside of school, she participates in Youth Advisory Board and Phoenix Children's Hospital Teen Board. With so many activities, along with excelling in her rigorous course load at school (4 Honors classes as well as an Engineering Design class), it tends to reason that she is wonderful at time management. A skill that will serve her well in both her academic and professional futures.

Sarah's teachers also had wonderful things to say about her. Among the adjectives used to describe her were creative, diligent, balanced, social but respectful, attentive, and hardworking. Sarah is kind to the people around her and easily grasps complex concepts.

I believe Sarah would be a wonderful asset to the Youth Advisory Board as Council Liaison and recommend her highly.

Sincerely,

Mr. Eddie Rodriguez  
School Counselor  
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March 5, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

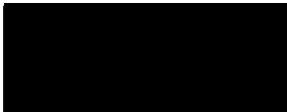
Sarah Adamsha is currently in my Spanish 3-4 Honores course. Sarah is a top student academically and in her involvement with extracurricular activities and leadership.

Our school's mission is to Respect the Ridge by respecting self, others, and the community; Sarah does all three. Sarah respects herself by consistently putting for a strong work ethic. Sarah strives for excellence and is the top 1% of her class academically. She respects others by providing services through her DECA participation. She shows respect to our community by participating in community service projects and the annual Cultural Festival.

What I respect most about Sarah is her authenticity. She is not worried about conforming to those around her. Because of her willingness to be original and her determination to act with integrity, I look forward to seeing what Sarah will accomplish for our society.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at [angie.bennett@dvusd.org](mailto:angie.bennett@dvusd.org) about Sarah's character, academic strength, or her preparedness for the future.

Sincerely,



**Angela Bennett**  
**Spanish Teacher, Mountain Ridge High School**