



Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison Application



Name: Felicia Holly Phone #: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

What grade are you entering in fall of 2025? Please circle 9th 10th **11th** 12th School
Attending: Centennial 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 document if needed.

1. What are two topics that you believe affect the City of Peoria that you would like to contribute to in discussion and possible action?

One of the main topics I believe I could contribute to in discussion is connection to the city with the youth. I believe that the youth and teens of this city. So many teenagers and youth have no idea what is happening in this city and I believe that we can find ways to create more civic engagement and allow the youth of Peoria to truly understand their city.

Another topic I believe I would be able to discuss in support of conversation is renovation to the parks around the city of Peoria. I personally love being outside and would deeply appreciate seeing some kindness to the parks such as regular community trash pickup days or renovating the equipment in order for not only a more fun but safer environment.

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

I have been to 3 Youth Government days, 2024, 2023 and 2022 while being on the board for only 1. Youth Government day has been one of my favorite things about the board because everytime there is always something different as it grows to be better each and every year. In 2022 it was the first Youth Government day in a while due to Covid, from what I was told it was not the easiest thing to pull off and yet it attracted many students and in 2023 the population of Youth Government day grew dramatically. In 2024 when I was on the board for Youth Government day we had so many people we had to create two different days! Youth Government day has grown so much in the past 3 years and I am so grateful I have been able to be apart of it.

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

Recently I have been doing my best to connect more with my community at the local Boys & Girls club. I have gone there for 10 years and recently we have brought back a program called Keystone. The Keystone program is aimed for children ages 14-18 who are interested in learning leadership roles and with doing this it allows them to create an impact on the surrounding area. I have participated in this

program for almost two years now as their president and it has taught me so much about leadership and I believe that supports my abilities to be qualified as a YAB Council Liaison.

4. Why do you want to be the next Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison?

I want to be the next Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison because I believe it is a position that will help me thrive. It will give me the real world experience that I believe will help me understand what the world really is instead of being told that I could never understand because I am too young. Being a Council Liaison is a lot of responsibility and I believe that is something I am now ready to take on.


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.

Signature Date

Application and two letters of recommendation due to Brian Carrico by Thurs, February 13, 2025 by 5pm, Email to brian.carrico@peoriaaz.gov or drop at Community Services Office, 9875 N. 85th Ave.

Office Use Only:

Date of Appointment: 4/25/23 
% of YAB meetings attended in the past 12 months: 72%

Rebekah Cross
Peoria, Arizona

February 18, 2025

YAB Youth Liaison Selection Committee
Peoria, Arizona

Dear YAB Youth Liaison Selection Committee,

I am writing to give my highest recommendation for Felicia Holly for the Peoria YAB Council Liaison. I have known Felicia for the last year and have been incredibly impressed by her determination, perseverance, and focus. I have watched as Felicia worked through intense family challenges, including homelessness and separation, and I have been amazed at her commitment to doing her best in school while taking advanced classes (College Algebra H, AP classes, etc.) and participating in clubs and activities.

Felicia is involved in a variety of activities including FCCLA Culinary Club at Centennial High School, President of the Keystone Club at the Boys and Girls Club, and the Peoria Youth Advisory Board. She participated in the NLC City Summit this fall as well. Through all of this (including living apart from her family due to lack of housing), she has maintained a 3.5 GPA. In addition, she previously was on student council and in National Jr. Honors Society (holding leadership positions with both).

Felicia has determined goals for herself and has persevered to see them through. She is planning on attending law school and is focused on opportunities and activities that will help her prepare for that eventual career. She gives back to others and is quick to offer help if she sees someone that needs it. Centennial staff recognized these characteristics in Felicia too, and she was nominated and chosen for the Leader of the Pack award fall semester.

The Peoria City Council would greatly benefit from having Felicia as a YAB Youth Liaison. Her experience and perspective, along with her willingness to speak up, will help make Peoria an even better place for residents and give the Council an important youth viewpoint.

I am honored to recommend Felicia Holly for this position and know that she will continue to be an asset to Peoria for years to come. Thank you for your consideration of her for this award. If you have any questions or would like further information, feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Cross

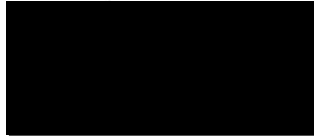
February 12, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great confidence that I submit this letter of recommendation for Felicia Holly. I have had the opportunity to get to know Felicia this school year as a member of our FCCLA Culinary Club. Felicia has a positive attitude and is a great communicator. She is very organized, works well with others and has incredible culinary skills.

Felicia has participated in some big catering events on our high school campus and has been an integral part of our success each time. She is a hard worker and brings positivity to everything she does. Felicia is able to balance her work, school and extracurricular commitments with ease and I have no doubt that she will be successful in any position she takes on in her future.

Thank you,



Ashley Kinnaman
Culinary Teacher
FCCLA Advisor