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| Children and Family Services Youth Advisory Task Force Application | |

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# The application consists of five parts:

1. Confirmation of Eligibility
2. Basic Information & Consent Forms
3. A Better Understanding of You
4. One Reference
5. Optional- submit one or two pieces of your own art that support your application

All instructions are outlined. If you have any questions or do not have access to the online application, please contact us. We want to make the application process as accessible as we can!   
  
**Application deadline:** February 9, 2024

**Questions**

Email: [cfs.youthadvisory@gov.ab.ca](mailto:cfs.youthadvisory@gov.ab.ca)

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# Youth Advisory Task Force Member Application

## Part 1: Confirmation of Eligibility

To apply, you must meet the following eligibility requirements. Check the boxes below to confirm your eligibility:

I am a resident of Alberta.

I am between the ages of 14 and 24 at the time of this application.

I have been involved with the child intervention (CI) system for a minimum total of one year through an open legal status. If you are unsure, please contact us and we can help determine eligibility.

I give consent for Children and Family Services (CFS) to confirm my eligibility.

## Part 2: Basic Information and Consent Forms

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| **Legal name** | **Preferred name(s)** | | | **Pronouns** |
| **Primary Contact Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx** | | **Secondary Contact Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx** | | |
| **Birthdate (dd-mm-yyyy)** | | **Age** | | |
| **Address (City/Town, Province, Postal Code)** | | | | |
| **Email Address** | | | | |
| **What is the best way to reach you?**  Cell Phone  Text  Email  Mail | | | **Languages spoken:** | |
| **What is your current living situation?** | | | | |
| **Do you require any special accommodations? Please explain:** | | | | |
| **Please sign. If you are younger than 18, see guardian consent below.** | | | | |

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| **Education, Employment or Volunteer Activities:** |
| Are you currently attending school?  **No**   **Yes** If yes, what type?  Do you participate in any volunteer activities?  **No**   **Yes** If yes, where do you volunteer?  Are you employed?  **No**   **Yes**  Have you served on other youth committee’s or boards?  **No**   **Yes** If yes, please specify |
| **Commitment** YATF will meet virtually on a bi-monthly basis. Do you participate in any activities that would conflict with this schedule?    **No**   **Yes** If yes, please explain: |

### Guardian consent to participate (if under 18 years of age):

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| **Last name (Legal Guardian)** | **First Name (Legal Guardian)** | |
| **Phone Number** | **Email Address** | |
| **Parent/Guardian Authorization and Declaration:**   * I confirm that I am the parent/legal guardian of the youth identified above. * I confirm the information provided by name of applicant in this application package is accurate, complete and truthful. * I consent to name of applicant participating in the application process for YATF. * I understand that if name of applicant is selected to participate in YATF, CFS will be meeting with name of applicant on a bi-monthly basis through a mix of phone, virtual and in-person meetings. * I understand that official meetings will typically occur virtually on a bi-monthly basis with in-person meetings occurring twice/year. I understand that myself or a responsible adult will need to attend with the young person during these in-person meetings, which will be held in Edmonton or Calgary, Alberta. | | |
| **Please specify your relationship to the applicant:** | | |
| **Signature** | | **Date** |

## Part 3: A Better Understanding of You

We have a few questions for you to answer so we can gain a better understanding of who you are and what you are all about.

We understand that not everyone communicates in the same way. You can respond to the questions below (including the optional parts of the application) in the following ways.

* Written response of 350 words or less.
* Video - three minutes or less.
* Audio recording - three minutes or less.

### 3.1 We acknowledge that youth are dynamic! Please answer the following two questions.

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| Why are you interested in becoming a member of YATF? |
| What inspires you and fuels your energy? |

### 3.2 Being a member of this task force is about making positive change, so we have a couple “think BIG” questions for you.

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| What do you hope to gain from becoming a member of YATF? |
| What do you think the biggest challenges are for young people currently involved with CFS?    How do you think YATF could help with these challenges? |

### 3.3 It is important to us that YATF reflects the diversity of youth in Alberta who have been involved with CFS as best we can. That means young people with diverse experiences, identities, and ideas. Please indicate all that apply to you. Share only what you feel comfortable.

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| I haveexperienced, or am currently experiencing homelessness. | I am a newcomer, immigrant or refugee. | I identify as sexual or gender diverse - 2SLGBTQ+. |
| I identify as Indigenous, First Nations, Métis or Inuit. | I grew up in a rural community (e.g., town, farm). | I grew up in an urban community (e.g., city). |
| I live with a physical or invisible disability. | I am currently a student. | I bring another perspective. Please explain: |

### 3.4 YATF is not just about you sharing your voice with us, but it is also about how we can support you and what you want to get out of it! Please indicate all that apply to you.

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| FUN!! | To be a part of a community of people with shared experiences. | To make new friends. |
| To help improve CFS’ CI system. | To be heard. | To develop/grow my personal or professional network. |
| To try something new. | To build my resume and volunteer experience. | To learn about government. |
| To develop the skills you already have and to learn new ones like:  Leadership  Advocacy  Community Engagement  Public Speaking  Other: | For mentorship opportunities | To make a difference |

**If there is more you want to share** **about any of the above or something different, please do so here (optional).**

## Part 4: One Reference

To complete your application, you need to submit one reference. A good reference is someone who knows you well and can speak to why you would be a good fit for YATF. This could be a teacher, professor, social worker, employer, co-worker, Elder, coach, youth worker, etc. If you are not sure if you can select someone as your reference, ask us!

We ask that your reference either write us a letter (no longer than one page) or make a two-minute video or audio recording to be submitted with this application.

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| **Reference’s Name** | **How do you know them? Where do they work?** |
| **Email** | **Phone Number ((xxx) xxx-xxxx)** |

## Part 5: (Optional): Submit up to two pieces of art.

If expressing yourself creatively is a means of communication for you, we support and acknowledge that too! You can include up to two of your own art pieces, if you think your work will support your application. Just send us a picture/video/recording of your art (dependent on the piece) and please include a short blurb to tell us anything you want us to know (see below). This is **NOT** mandatory, so no pressure.

Art pieces eligible for submission include: photography, poetry, spoken word poetry, any type of visual art (drawing, graphic design, painting, graffiti etc.), beading, carving, sculpture, music, dance, theatre, storytelling, etc. If someone else’s art helps support your response, feel free to include it as long as you give them credit. If you are unsure if you can submit your work (not listed above) just contact us and we will go from there!

**Please provide a brief description of your art piece(s) and why you chose to include them in your application.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR APPLICATION!**