

King Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - Youth Board Representative

Thank you for your interest in serving as the Youth Board Representative on the King Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The King Chamber of Commerce is a vibrant organization dedicated to promoting business growth and economic development in our community. We strive to be a leading voice for local businesses, advocating for their needs and fostering a supportive environment for entrepreneurship.

Who We Are:

The King Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life in our region. We support local businesses through networking opportunities, educational programs, advocacy efforts, and community engagement initiatives. As the Youth Board Representative, you will play a crucial role in shaping the direction of our organization and driving positive change within our community.

Job Description:

The Youth Board Representative serves as a voice for young entrepreneurs and brings a fresh perspective to board discussions, particularly on issues affecting youth engagement, entrepreneurship, and community development. This role ensures that the interests and ideas of the next generation are incorporated into the board's decision-making processes.

Responsibilities:

Key Responsibilities

- Act as a liaison between the youth community and the board, advocating for policies and programs that support young entrepreneurs.
- Collaborate with board members to identify opportunities for youth-led programs and partnerships that align with the chamber's goals.
- Serve as an ambassador for the chamber at youth-focused events, community gatherings, and networking opportunities.
- Actively support the Chamber's social media efforts by sharing posts and promoting Chamber activities and member businesses. Contribute to newsletter content or messages for members throughout the year to enhance engagement and communication.

Committee Requirement:

The Youth Representative is expected to (under guidance of a designated chair):

- Assist in coordinating committee activities with guidance from the 'King Proud Chair' by helping to track and fulfill orders related to King Proud initiatives.
- Serve as a central point of communication for the committee, liaising between members, stakeholders, and the broader community.

Morning Youth Grant Liaison:

- Actively represent the Morning Youth Grant within the community, promoting a positive image of youth through participation in events and initiatives.
- Advocate for the Morning Youth Grant by raising awareness within the Chamber and the community, encouraging applications and engagement from eligible youth.
- Leverage entrepreneurial insights and youth perspectives to contribute to board discussions and decision-making processes.

Requirements:

- Must be between 14-18 years of age.
- Must reside in King Township for the duration of tenure.
- **Commitment:** Dedicate a minimum of 5-8 hours per month. Minimum attendance of 70% of board meetings and events including the Annual General Meeting and the Business in Excellence Award with participation offered in a hybrid format as required. Represent the chamber at a minimum of one Ribbon cutting event per quarter.
- Must have demonstrated entrepreneurial experience, such as starting a business, leading a community project, or holding a leadership position in a youth organization.
- Must possess strong communication and collaboration skills, with the ability to articulate the needs and aspirations of young entrepreneurs effectively.
- Preference will be given to the winner of the Morning Youth Grant, provided they meet all other criteria.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to the organization's mission, vision, and values, as well as an understanding of the board's strategic priorities.

Term Details:**1. Initial Term:**

- The Youth Representative will serve an initial term of one (1) year upon election to the Board.

2. Tenure:

- After serving **one term** (a total of 1 year or 12 calendar months), the Youth Representative has the opportunity to join a Youth Mentorship Program that includes volunteering on one of the board's committees to continue engaging with the board and youth initiatives, ensuring their contributions are valued while opening the official position to new candidates. This allows for transition of knowledge and onboarding of incoming representatives.

Exceptions:

Exceptions to the stated requirements, responsibilities, or term limits may be made at the board's discretion, provided they are approved by a majority vote with a clear understanding of all options and implications.