Application
for Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) & the Youth Engagement Program for seats on other City Boards and Commissions

Please write neatly and answer each question to the best of your ability. You can submit your application by dropping it off with Dale Garland (Durango High School), or Mary Beth Miles (Durango City Hall). You may also complete your application and email it to marybeth.miles@durangogov.org. If you have any questions about the Youth Engagement Program or this application, please contact one of the coordinators listed below:

Dale Garland – Durango High School – email: dgarland@durango.k12.co.us – ph. (970) 259-1630
Mary Beth Miles – City of Durango – email: marybeth.miles@durangogov.org – ph. (970) 375-5063

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015

Name: _____________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: _________________ Email: _____________________________________

School: _____________________________________________________________________

Class (starting in Fall 2015)

☐ Senior ☐ Junior ☐ Sophomore ☐ Freshman

Have you applied for the Youth Engagement Program before? _________________________

Have you served as a youth appointee to one of the City boards or commissions?

If so, which one ___________________________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

Parent or Guardian Signature: ___________________________________________________________________
Please rank your preferences (number 1-3) with number one being your first preference and number three being your last preference.

☐  Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission

The Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission was established by City Council on August 17, 2010 as a way to engage youth in city government and their community. Youth enrolled in 9th-12th grades at a high school in Durango city limits or Durango residents that are home-schooled are eligible. The Commission consists of seven regular members and two alternates. MYAC meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the City Hall Council Chambers and the Library Program Room #3 respectively at 3:30 p.m. MYAC requires a firm commitment; the MYAC attendance policy limits the number of unexcused absences.

☐  Airport Commission

The Durango – La Plata County Airport Commission makes recommendations about airport operations and budgeting. Upcoming projects include an expansion and remodeling of the airport terminal building. Meets the 3rd Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.

☐  Business Improvement District

The Business Improvement District makes improvements to the Central Business District (generally, historic downtown and north Main Avenue) and works on special events. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. at 850 ½ Main Ave. Suite 2.

☐  Community Relations Commission

The Community Relations Commission was established for the purpose of promoting social harmony among all visitors and residents, increasing participation in government, business, media and social life among all sectors of the community. The CRC meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall North Conference Room.

☐  Natural Lands Preservation Advisory Board

The Natural Lands Preservation Advisory Board oversees the acquisition, protection, stewardship and use of the City’s open spaces and natural lands. Meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

☐  Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board makes recommendations on the operation of the Durango Public Library. Meets the 2nd Monday of every other month at 4:30 p.m. at the Library, upstairs Program Room 3.

☐  Public Art Commission

The Public Art Commission oversees the City’s public art collection and is responsible for planning and installing new art projects in the city. Meets the last Tuesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall in the North Conference Room.

☐  Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board oversees the maintenance, expansion, use and protection of the City’s parks and recreational facilities. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

☐  Multi-modal Advisory Board

The Multi-modal Advisory Board makes recommendations on the operation of Durango Transit, and other modes of transportation, including bicycles and pedestrians. Meets the third Wednesday of every other month at 4:00 p.m. at the Transit Center at 250 W. 8th Ave.

☐  Utilities Commission

The Utilities Commission discusses issues as they pertain to water supply and storage, purification, conservation, and distribution in the city of Durango. The Utilities Commission meets the 1st Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at River City Hall, 1235 Camino del Rio.
Board and Commission members are also expected to attend the Youth Engagement Program Work Session with MYAC that is held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 3:30 pm in the Library Program Room #3. MYAC has adopted an attendance policy that applies to all of the Youth Engagement Program Members. The policy states that members cannot miss more than four (4) unexcused meetings. Please be conscious of the time commitment associated with participating in the program.

PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE (use additional pages if needed)

1. Why do you want to serve on one of the City’s boards or commissions?

2. What issues do you feel are important to youth in your community?

3. Have you ever served on a board or committee? If so, what was your role?

What did you learn from that experience?
4. What leadership experiences or skills do you have? (please list)

Which of these experiences is most important to you? Why?