



Welcome!

Since its inception in 1990, the Metropolitan Education Commission's (MEC) Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has proven of exceptional value. In 1994, another countywide teen group, Tucson Teen Congress (TTC) joined the YAC under the Commission umbrella. Composed of middle, high school and college students representing public, private and parochial schools across our city and county, the YAC/TTC gives youth a strong positive voice. In October of 1993 the Tucson Mayor and Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors amended the resolutions establishing the MEC to include two youth representatives. These students are chosen by the YAC/TTC to represent youth in the MEC's decision-making process.

The goals of the YAC/TTC are to provide youth/student input on policies and programs designed to improve the quality of education throughout Pima County and to engage in activities which foster both leadership, citizenship and the best educational opportunities for all Tucson youth. Countywide annual co-sponsored events include the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair; Transition Fair; Teen Town Hall; Goal One: Graduate! Poster Contest; Outstanding Teen Citizen Awards; Metropolitan Education Commission Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon; Key to Employment for the 21st Century Industry; and the YAC/TTC Summer Leadership Conference. The YAC/TTC is a supporting entity for the America's Promise, Meth Free Alliance and the Regional College Access Center (RCAC) Advisory Committee.

The YAC/TTC continues to have ongoing representatives on the Mayor's School District Action Task Force; Metropolitan Education Commission; League of United Latin American Citizens Youth Leadership Conference Steering Committee; Tucson/Pima County Commission on Addiction Treatment and Prevention; Pima County Public Library Youth Sub-Committee; Regional College Access Center (RCAC) Youth Advisory Committee and the Tucson Police Department Youth Advisory Committee. The YAC/TTC has also been identified and utilized as an important contributor to the City of Tucson and Pima County community organizations to increase youth civic involvement.

The YAC/TTC has begun its recruitment for new members and, thus, we seek a cross section of youth representative of the diversity of our community. The YAC/TTC is also interested in a broad range of students with different skills and abilities as well as interests. Recruitment is open; the first meeting of the YAC/TTC is **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, 6:00 – 7:30p.m., at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., Lower Level Meeting Room.**

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you

Applications for service can be downloaded at www.tucsonaz.gov/mec and emailed to metcom@theriver.com ; U.S. mailed or faxed (670-1110 fax) to the MEC office.

Sincerely,

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MEC Executive Director

Matt Kopec
YAC/TTC President

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**APPLICATION FOR SERVICE
ON THE
METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS**
www.tucsonaz.gov/mec

TO: Chair
Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress
Metropolitan Education Commission
930 E Broadway
Tucson, AZ 85719

I am most interested and willing to commit my time and effort to service on the Metropolitan Education Commission's Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress that provides youth/student input in developing recommendations as to policies and programs designed to improve the quality of education throughout Pima County.

Name _____ Phone _____
(Print)

Address _____ Zip _____

School: _____ Grade _____

Name of School District: _____

Anticipated high school graduation date: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Provide us with information about yourself,
activities/clubs and/or community service: _____

Plans after high school: _____

BRIEFLY DISCUSS WHAT YOU BELIEVE COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN PIMA COUNTY. _____

WHY DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WOULD MAKE A GOOD YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/ TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS MEMBER? _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ Date _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ AGE ____ FEMALE ____ MALE _____

RACIAL/ETHNIC CHARACTERISTICS: ____*White ____*Black/African American ____*Asian
____*American Indian/Alaskan Native ____*Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander ____*Asian & White
____*American Indian/Alaskan Native & White ____*Black/African America & White
____*American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American ____*Balance/Other
____*Hispanic (you may choose this ethnic category, if applicable, in addition to only one of the above race categories)

DISABILITY: YES _____ NO _____

**Mail or Fax completed application to: Metropolitan Education Commission
930 E. Broadway
Tucson AZ 85719
or fax to: 670-1110**