



{Get Engaged

young adults serving on Seattle boards & commissions

GET ENGAGED places young adults ages 18-29 on boards and commissions each fall. Commissioners help shape policy decisions, make recommendations, and provide citizen participation in city government. **GET ENGAGED** is a dedicated to cultivating local leaders and advocating for youth voice in city affairs.

The Commitment: Two Parts

1. **Board commitment:** *Get Engaged* participants are appointed to serve a one-year term (September 2017 – September 2018) as a full voting member on a city board or commission (see participating boards on the following page). Participants agree to attend regularly scheduled board meetings and contribute at least 6-10 hours each month to committee meetings. Please note that many boards, especially design review boards, meet more than once a month, and require a commitment of more than 10 hours each month.
2. **Get Engaged commitment:** In addition to board service, *Get Engaged* participants:
 - Meet with the *Get Engaged* team once a month for skill-building, current issue discussions, and an opportunity to reflect on your experience
 - Connect with and learn from a peer group of other civically-minded young adults
 - Motivate your peers outside the program to be civically engaged.

The Application Timeline

April –May 2017	Application open
June-July 2017	Applicant Interviews
August 2017	Positions offered to top candidates
September 2017	Participants begin their term

- *Know:*
 - how City of Seattle Boards and Commissions contribute to City functions
 - how non-Board/Commission groups also enhance City functions and how those groups can successfully collaborate with Boards/Commissions
 - how their voice as a young person can be heard by the City
 - personal strengths and leadership skills
- *Feel:*
 - that they are an effective Board/Commission member
 - they have the skills to effectively communicate with and learn from government bodies
 - connected to a network of young leaders
- *Do:*
 - Seek avenues for continued City involvement after their Get Engaged term ends
 - Share what they've learned through their Board/Commission experience with the community
 - Encourage civic engagement in their own generation and younger generations

Questions? getengaged@seattlemca.org.