



## Youth On Boards (Y.O.B.) Program Application

Youth on Boards is a civic engagement project of the City of Burlington. This program seeks to provide youth leaders with opportunities for representing Burlington's youth on City Commissions and Boards. Youth on Boards engages youth in developing leadership skills, contributing to building sustainable, equitable communities, and sharing the wisdom and insight of Burlington's next generation.

Burlington high-school age youth serve as a non-voting participant but youth are very much involved and encouraged to weigh in on issues and policies. Youth leaders help create a community that is equitable, inclusive and supportive that allow all voices to be heard. Youth will learn leadership, government decision-making, policy responsibility, team-building, and awareness of your own ability to make a difference in the community while earning volunteer hours.

Below are the list of Board/Commission available to Youth

### **Planning Commission**

The Commission has the overall responsibility of developing Burlington land use and development policy and recommending this policy to the City Council. Member responsibilities include creating, studying, and evaluating plans for land, transportation, economic, and social development in the city. Members should be interested in planning, architecture, historical preservation, real estate, and natural resource use.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Police/Commission/Agendas>

### **Library Commission**

The Commission has the responsibilities of managing the use of library facilities and services, approving a staff-recommended budget to be presented to the mayor, and ensuring the payment of bills and claims incurred by the library.

<https://www.fletcherfree.org/LibraryCommission>

### **Board for Registration for Voters**

The Board reviews and take lawful action on additions, corrections, alterations, and removals of voters to the voter checklist; Work at the polls on Election Day on voter registration related issues i.e., Election Day registration, address and name changes, omission from the checklist, verification issues

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Public-Boards/Board-for-Registration-of-Voters>

### **Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission**

Parks and Recreation Commission- The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for enhancing the quality of life of the residents of Burlington by providing affordable recreation programs, by managing public trees and property, and by managing the Burlington harbor and making it a desirable destination for water based activities.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil/PC>

### **Police Commission**

The Commission's responsibilities include approving the police chief's appointments of special police officers, hearing appeals of decisions by the police chief to discipline officers, and notifying the mayor and chief administrative officer in writing of any changes to the police department's rules and regulations.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Police/Commission/Agendas>

### **Community Justice Center Restorative Panels**

Restorative Justice Panels are made up of teams of 3-5 volunteers who meet with the offenders and victims or crimes to address the harm caused by low-level crimes in the community. The panel's mission is to hold an offender accountable for the effects of their actions by on others. They discuss the circumstances and impact of the crime and ways the offender can avoid making similar mistakes in the future.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CJC/Restorative-Justice-Panels-0#youth>

### **Neighborhood Planning Assembly Steering Committee**

Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (or NPAs) are public assemblies in each of Burlington's 8 wards that meet monthly to allow community members to discuss current issues. The assembly for each ward meets once a month on a regular schedule. The Committee's responsibilities include creating an agenda for each public meeting, organizing and moderating public meetings, and upholding open meeting law. Members' responsibilities include taking minutes for each meeting, filming meetings, communicating with their neighbors, and communicating with the City about the needs of their assemblies and their neighborhood.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/Neighborhood-Planning-Assemblies>

*Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Use additional paper if necessary. \*

1. Please Number Commissions by preference and why (1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice etc.)  
*Please note that some boards and commissions may not have an open spot or more than one person applying, so please pick multiple options.*

2. What experience and perspective would you bring as a youth commissioner?

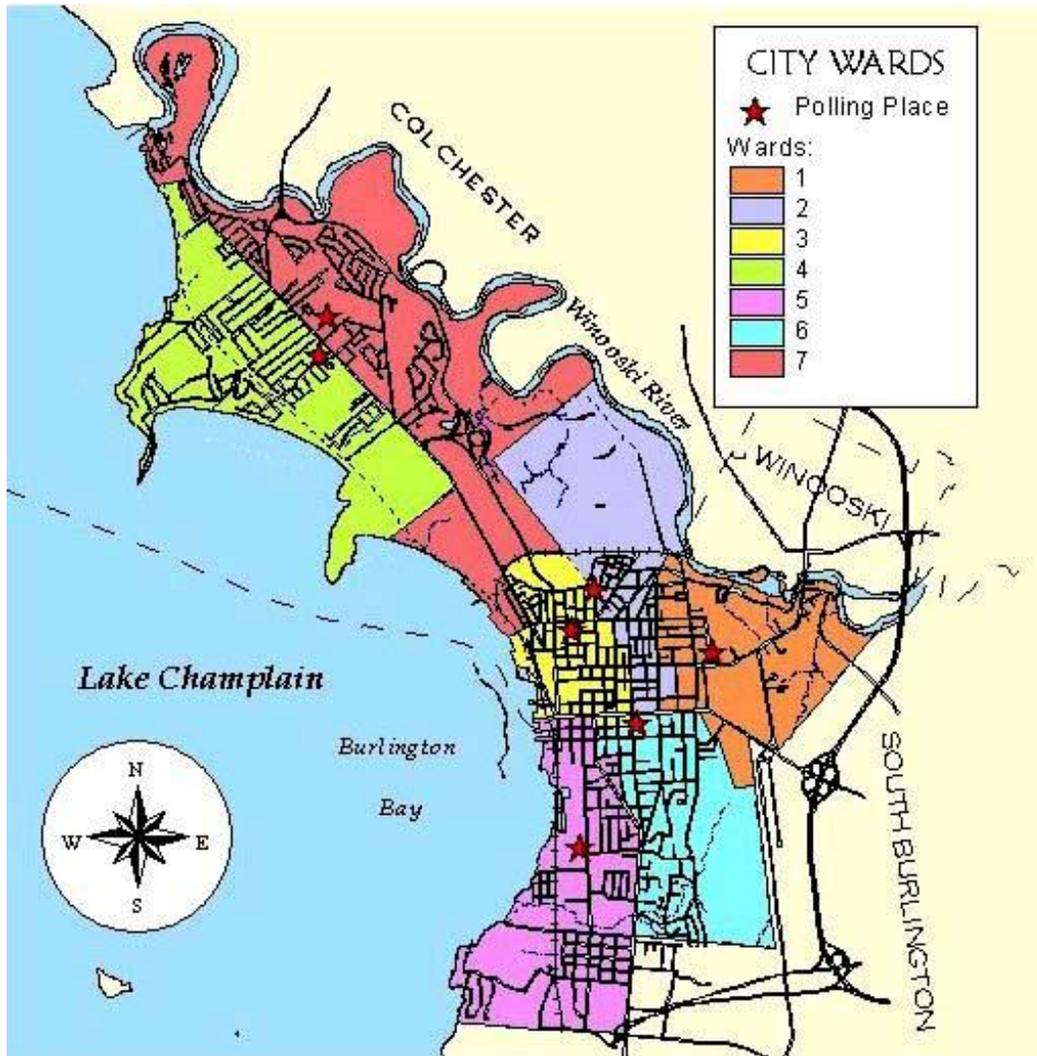
(Attaching a cover letter is recommend)

3. What Ward\*\* or neighborhood in the City of Burlington do you live in?

4. Please share any work experience, volunteer experience, academic achievements, or sports activities you have been or are currently involved with. (Attaching a resume is recommended).

5. Board/Commission are monthly commitment and often meet once a month and are in the evenings. Are you able to make monthly time commitment for this position? If not, why and what would be the barriers to commit?

## WARD MAP:



\*The City of Burlington, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, or disability in placing youth on different boards and commissions. Young women, youth of color, and youth with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply.\*