



**Parks & Recreation Department
Youth Board
2019-2020**

Application Deadline: May 31, 2019, by 4:00 P.M.

Are you a Las Cruces high school or middle school age student interested in:

- Learning more about the Las Cruces community?
- Making an impact on youth in Las Cruces?
- Meeting and getting to know students from other schools?
- Have your voice heard in city government?
- Developing leadership skills?

*If you want to learn
more about the Parks &
Recreation Youth Board,
please contact us!*

You are invited to apply to the Parks & Recreation Youth Board!

This is a Youth Board made up of 16 high school/middle school students (grades 7th – 12th) who commit to helping their community by participating in community leadership and giving input for Las Cruces youth. The Youth Board is coordinated by the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department. Youth Board members:

- Give advice to the city government and to local agencies about youth issues;
- Address youth needs through community projects and initiatives;
- Can earn community service hours and get various incentives.

Requirements of Parks & Recreation Youth Board (PRYB):

- City resident, high school/middle school age (grades 7th – 12th), pre-GED during the 2019-2020 school year
- Willing to work and open to learning, desire to make a positive difference for youth in Las Cruces
- Previous leadership experience is not required
- Able to handle time commitment
 - Retreat once a year (TBA)
 - Monthly meetings, 1st Thursday, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Application process to be a part of Parks & Recreation Youth Board (PRYB):

- Submit the application including recommendations to:
Via email: YouthBoard@las-cruces.org or send to:
 - Parks & Recreation Department
Attn: Parks & Recreation Youth Board
1501 East Hadley Ave.
Las Cruces NM, 88001
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of City of Las Cruces staff and other designees
- Selected applicants will be invited to an in-person interview
- Members will be selected based on their potential to positively contribute to the Board's work and their capacity to represent the diversity of Las Cruces' youth community

For any questions about PRYB, to request a classroom/group presentation, to set up an informational meeting with PRYB member(s) or to learn about PRYB please contact:

Robert Nunez, Youth Services Administrator
1501 E. Hadley Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: 575/541-2550
E-mail: YouthBoard@las-cruces.org

Parks & Recreation Youth Board 2019-2020 Application

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To apply for Las Cruces Youth Board (LCYB), you must be a city resident, in high school, middle school (grades 7th – 12th) or GED program, and able to commit to a one-year program with meetings and special events.

No previous leadership experience is required.

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of birth: _____

School attending for 2019-2020 school year: _____

Grade for 2019-2020 school year: _____ Gender: _____

Ethnicity: African-American American-Indian Asian/Pacific Islander
 Caucasian/White Hispanic/Latino(a) Other: _____

PART 2: QUESTIONS

Please be specific as you answer these questions in complete sentences. Your answers help us get to know you and learn about your aspirations and perspective. You can write directly on this form or write the answers on a separate paper and attach them to your application. You can also attach additional information that you'd like to share that is not covered by these questions.

1. Why do you want to be on PRYB? _____

2. In your opinion and experience, what are 3 issues facing youth in Las Cruces?

3. What is one subject or topic (not necessarily at school) that you are passionate about or that is important to you? Why? _____

4. What is a challenge you deal with or have dealt with in the past, and how have you learned from this experience? _____

5. Please give an example of how you contribute to your community in a meaningful way. Community can be your family, school, neighborhood, sports team, the Las Cruces community, etc.

PART 3: OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. What specific activities, both in and out of school, do you plan to be involved in next year, if any?

2. How will meetings, activities, or specials events in the evening and occasional weekend or other weeknight activities fit into your schedule next year? _____

PART 4: PEER / PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS (2)

Please ask; (1) a professional within the LCPS district and preferably someone who works with the youth such as an administrator, educator, counselor, coach or club/activity sponsor/director **AND**; (2) a fellow high school student who knows you well to complete the attached peer recommendation. You can turn the recommendation letters in with your application or have the recommender send it separately.

PART 5: APPLICANT & PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURES

I understand that if I become a member of the Parks & Recreation Youth Board, I will be responsible for participating during regularly scheduled meetings, activities or special events beginning July 2019. This includes a retreat, regular business meetings held every other month, and possible special events and service requirements. Additional commitments will be discussed, planned and assigned in advance.

Note: If you e-mail your application, you will need to print it & bring a paper copy signed by both you and your parent/guardian to your interview or scan a copy.

Applicant Signature & Date

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

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Professional Recommendation**

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PRYB Applicant Name

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Please help us learn more about this student by answering the following questions. We would appreciate any additional insights not covered by these questions. Please use additional paper if needed.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. How has the applicant positively impacted your life and / or your community? _____

3. What makes the applicant unique? _____

4. What makes the applicant a good person to represent Las Cruces youth on a city-wide board?

Information about Professional Recommender:

Name: _____ Title: _____

School: _____ Phone Number: _____

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