



# Juveniles for Justice

a project of Juvenile Law Center

## Have you been involved with the juvenile justice system?

Do you want to make the system better?

Do you want your voice to be heard?

## Become a Youth Advocate with Juveniles for Justice!

**What is Juveniles for Justice (J4J)?** J4J is a group of young people who have been involved with the juvenile justice system. J4J works with the Juvenile Law Center to create a campaign that improves the lives of youth who have been in the system. **Juvenile Law Center** is the oldest non-profit, public interest law firm for children in the country.



**What does J4J do?** Each year, Youth Advocates learn about the juvenile justice system and, based on this information and their own experiences, create a project to improve the system. As part of their campaign, Youth Advocates present their experiences, opinions, and project to different juvenile justice officials and workers such as judges, lawyers, probation officers, and policymakers to promote their ideas for change.

**How often do Youth Advocates meet?** Youth Advocates meet for workshops once a week from October to June and as needed. Workshops last 2 hours and first year advocates are paid \$10.00 per hour. Youth Advocates are required to attend and participate in each session.

**Are Youth Advocates paid?** Yes! Youth are paid for each session and receive stipends for additional work. Each year advocates complete a year they receive a raise.



**How do I become a Youth Advocate?** Fill out the application and drop it off or mail it to Marcia Hopkins at Juvenile Law Center, 1315 Walnut Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107. You can also email your application to [cmoffa@jlc.org](mailto:cmoffa@jlc.org) or [mhopkins@jlc.org](mailto:mhopkins@jlc.org) or fax it to 215-625-2808.

## Applications are due on August 31, 2019

Please contact Marcia Hopkins at [mhopkins@jlc.org](mailto:mhopkins@jlc.org) or Cathy Moffa at [cmoffa@jlc.org](mailto:cmoffa@jlc.org) or at 215-625-0551 for more information, or go to our website <http://jlc.org/current-initiatives/transition-adulthood/youth-advocacy-programs>

*Please note that you MUST have been involved in the juvenile justice system in order to apply.*



**Youth Advocate Application**  
**Final Deadline: August 31, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) where we can reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender pronoun(s) \_\_\_\_\_

[Common examples of gender pronouns are: She/Her/Hers; He/Him/His; or They/Them/Theirs.]

**Additional Contact:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently attending school?  Yes  No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently working?  Yes  No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you ever been involved with the juvenile justice system? ***Please note that all Juveniles for Justice members must have experience with the juvenile justice system.***

Yes  No

2. Have you spent some time in a juvenile facility or a detention facility or on probation? (Examples: Vision Quest, the Bridge, St. Gabriel's, or Juvenile Justice Services Center)

Yes  No  I'm not sure

3. Why do you want to be in Juveniles for Justice (JJ)- which is a group that wants to make improvements to the juvenile justice system? *Please write a few sentences or bullet points.*

4. What is something about your experience in the juvenile justice system that you would like to change for other youth? How would you change it?

5. Do you have any leadership or public speaking experience? If so, please explain in complete sentences.

6. Do you have any work, volunteer, or extracurricular experience? If so, please explain in complete sentences.

7. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Please check ALL of the times and days of the week that you are available to meet for J4J workshops:

**MONDAYS:** 4-6pm

**TUESDAYS:** 4-6pm

**WEDNESDAYS:** 4-6pm

**THURSDAYS:** 4-6pm

**FRIDAYS:** 4-6pm

Submit applications to: Marcia Hopkins at Juvenile Law Center by e-mail [mhopkins@jlc.org](mailto:mhopkins@jlc.org), [cmoffa@jlc.org](mailto:cmoffa@jlc.org) or fax (215-625-2808), or mail/in person Juvenile Law Center, 1315 Walnut Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

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