

New Jersey Division on Civil Rights' Community Relations Unit announces Division on Civil Rights' 2022 Youth Ambassador Program

This program is designed for students to develop a rich understanding of civil rights in order to enhance their communities; participate in civil rights-related conversations; learn how to amplify their voices; serve as a community liaison to DCR; and work on projects that can be added to their portfolios/resumes. The Youth Ambassador Program prioritizes youth empowerment by focusing on skill building in various areas; creating opportunities for project development; enhancing personal growth; promoting diversity and self-awareness; generating opportunities to establish additional support networks; and encouraging students to act as community change agents through education on the Law Against Discrimination.

Youth ambassadors can reapply every year, and those who participate for two or more consecutive years can serve as mentors to newer youth ambassadors to promote connections within their respective communities, counties, and across the State.

The NJDCR Youth Ambassador Program is open to all youth ages 13 to 21 who are interested in exploring civil rights issues. There are no academic or grade point-average requirements for participation in the program. Up to 40 youth ambassadors will be admitted into the program. Interested applicants and their parent/legal guardian, if a minor, must complete the <u>Youth Ambassador Application [form.jotform.com]</u>.

Youth Ambassador Applications must be submitted by August 31, 2022

We ask that you please share the Youth Ambassador Program and application with your networks and help us bring awareness to this opportunity. Feel free to re-share our related post on Facebook and Twitter @civilrightsnj.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email to the Community Relations Unit (<u>communityrelations@njcivilrights.gov</u>)