



The City of South San Francisco

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YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: Saoirse Price Sagastume

Date of Birth:

Last

First

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Address:

Street Address

South San Francisco

CA

SSFUSD

District

94080

City

State

ZIP Code

Telephone:

Email:

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please Select Grade:	Please Select School:
9 th Grade Freshman	Baden High School
10 th Grade Sophomore	El Camino High School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11 th Grade Junior	South San Francisco High School
12 th Grade Senior	College: _____
Other: _____	Other: El Camino High School

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Why do you want to serve on the Youth Commission? Why do you believe the Youth Commission is important?

I want to serve on the SSF Youth Commission because I believe in the power of representation and recognition. As a minority in many of my involvements, such as being a female in STEM and golf, I understand how vital it is for underrepresented voices to be heard and seen.

Being the leader of El Caminos Recognition Commission, I have worked to uplift and celebrate the diverse cultures within our school by organizing events for Women's History Month, African American History Month, and other heritage events. I believe this experience has helped me develop a strong sense of responsibility to advocate for others, which I hope to bring to the Youth Commission. Through this work, I strive to create a more inclusive environment where every student feels empowered and recognized. I am most excited about the Youth Commission's role in engaging with the community and local government. I believe



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Please list school and community activities or service organizations in which you are involved in.

ASB Student Leadership - Recognition/ Awareness Commission Lead
Girls Fore Golf - Nonprofit Founder
Students In Action - Club President
SSFUSD Student Advisory Committee - Member
Science Bowl - Club President
El Camino Girls Varsity Golf - Team Captain
First Tee - Golf Participant & Volunteer Coach
Western Golf Association - Junior Caddie (Job)
Women in Bio - Youth Ambassador

The Youth Commission addresses issues affecting youth and the community through making recommendations to City Council. Please explain what you believe is the biggest issue concerning youth in South San Francisco today.

One of the biggest issues concerning youth in South San Francisco today is the lack of equitable access to higher education. For far too long, higher education has often been a privilege of the upper class, forming a gateway to success, which remains blocked by financial and systemic barriers for many students.

As someone passionate about accessibility, I believe these obstacles must be addressed. To begin, the federal FAFSA system often fails to accurately reflect a family's financial reality, especially in cases of split households. Many students, myself included, rely on a single parent for financial support, yet receive misleading tuition estimates through net price calculators. Additionally, middle-class families often fall into a difficult gap where they earn too much to qualify for aid, yet too little to comfortably afford tuition. In result, this leaves students burdened with long-term debt or forced to skip college entirely.

Can you commit to attending 6:30 p.m. meetings on the third Monday of each month? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If no, please explain: _____



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DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

Applicant
Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Date: 4/15/25

Parent
Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Date: 4/15/25

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements in this application are complete and true. I agree and understand that any mis-statement of material fact will cause me to forfeit all rights to appointment to a Commission, Board, or Committee with the City of South San Francisco.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and will remain valid 1 year from the date of submission.

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