

# BEYOND DIFFERENCES™

Inspiring Youth to End Social Isolation

----- **High School Teen Board of Directors**-----  
**Application (Grades 9-12)**  
**2019-2020 Academic Year**

We are looking for motivated high school students and leaders to join our Teen Board of Directors program for Beyond Differences!

Please fill out the application below and return it to us **by Friday, May 24th, 2019.**

Turn in BOTH this application and a parent permission slip electronically to Richard Margolis at [richardmargolis@beyonddifferences.org](mailto:richardmargolis@beyonddifferences.org)

Or mail it to Beyond Differences, 711 Grand Ave, Suite 200, San Rafael, CA 94901

For more information, visit [www.beyonddifferences.org/students/teen-board/](http://www.beyonddifferences.org/students/teen-board/)  
Or call us at 415-256-9095 (Marin office)



## **Student Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Grade for 2019-2020 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Physical Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address)

(city)

(state)

(zip code)

Student Physical Address 2 (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address)

(city)

(state)

(zip code)

### **Opportunities**

- Attend a free Summer **Overnight** Retreat with Bay Area high-school students in Sept. 2019
- Obtain training in public speaking, inclusivity tactics, team building, and leadership skills
- Lead mentoring events for middle schoolers from all around the Bay Area
- Possible travel to speaking events nationwide
- Be part of a national organization working to end social isolation!

### **Commitments**

Serving on the Teen Board of Directors requires an enormous commitment. Our members have been identified as change makers in their communities - **young people who are ready to take on the task of ending social isolation in middle schools.**

Teen Board members are **REQUIRED** to participate in the following:

- Promptly respond to emails and texts from Beyond Differences' staff
- Complete a MINIMUM of 30 service hours for Beyond Differences per school year.
- Attend all monthly Teen Board meetings
- Attend an Overnight Retreat (August/September) and a 1-day Mid-Year Retreat (January/February)
- Attend and participate in the Annual Gala (April)
- Commit to raising \$500 for Beyond Differences with fundraising training provided
- Remain accountable to commitments made to Beyond Differences; find a replacement if commitment cannot be fulfilled due to unexpected events
- Facilitate Middle School Leadership meetings, and/or assemblies 2-3 times per school year
- Lead lessons and activities for Beyond Differences' Positive Prevention Initiatives:
  - Know Your Classmates (October)
  - No One Eats Alone (February)
  - Be Kind Online (May)

*By signing below, you agree to the above list of requirements and responsibilities.*

Student  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the questions below. If possible, please type your answers and attach them.**

1. Briefly explain why you would like to join Beyond Differences.

2. What experience either in or outside of school has influenced you to think about social isolation.

3. Think about your experiences with social isolation, how can you make a contribution to Beyond Differences because of this experience?

4. Describe your greatest leadership skills, and how comfortable are you with speaking in front of an audience?

5. What makes you want to either learn to become a leader or expand your current leadership skills? What leadership skills do you think you could improve?

6. Please list other extracurricular activities in which you are involved or will be involved in next year. (For example: sports, religious school, clubs, community organizations)