

BEYOND DIFFERENCES™

Inspiring Youth to End Social Isolation

----- **High School Teen Board of Directors** -----
Application (Grades 9-12)
2020-2021 Academic Year

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

Please fill out the application below and return it **by Friday, June 26, 2020.**

Turn in BOTH this application and a parent permission slip electronically to sherilouis@beyonddifferences.org or send to the Beyond Differences office.

Beyond Differences
% Sheri Louis
3259 NE Dunckley St.
Portland, OR 97212

For questions or information, please call Sheri Louis at 207-409-9419.



Student Information

Name _____

High School Name: _____

Entering Grade for 2020-2021 School Year: _____

Telephone (Home) _____

Student Cell _____

Student Email Address _____

Student Physical Address _____

(street address)

(city)

(state)

(zip code)

Student Physical Address 2 (if applicable)

(street address)

(city)

(state)

(zip code)

Opportunities

- Attend free Fall **Overnight** Retreat October 3rd & 4th, 2020 (this is a **MUST**)!
- Training in public speaking, inclusivity tactics, team building, and leadership skills
- Lead mentoring events to middle schoolers from all around Portland
- 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**
- Attend all **monthly** Teen Board meetings - typically held on the first Sunday of the month (2 excused absences maximum)
- Attend the October 3rd & 4th Retreat and Mid-Year Retreat (January, date TBD)
- Attempt to raise \$500 for Beyond Differences with fundraising training provided

- **Attend and participate in the Fall Fundraiser, Date TBD**
- Facilitate Middle School Leadership Meetings and/or assemblies 2-3 times per school year
- Aid in the development and implementation of 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 _____

Answer the application 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)