

Oakland Food Policy Council

2011 Youth Membership Application Overview

The *Oakland Food Policy Council* (OFPC) is now accepting applications for its second group of youth council members. The mission of the OFPC is to establish an equitable and sustainable food system in Oakland, California. The OFPC's goals cover each aspect of the food system, from production through resource recovery, and emphasize healthy food, healthy environment, healthy economy, and healthy choices. Please visit the OFPC website to review each of the goals in depth:
http://www.oaklandfood.org/mission_goals.

The Oakland Food Policy Council is made up of representatives of all sectors of the food system, with 21 members representing the following "working communities":

- Business Community
- Labor Representatives
- Community Orgs. and Residents/Youth
- Rural and Regional Organizations
- Health and Education Organizations
- Local Governance

Oakland Food Policy Council members participate in five full-council meetings each year (on the third Thursdays of January, March, May, July, and September at 5:00 pm), **and join two smaller workgroups that meet five times each year** (on the third Thursdays of February, April, June, August, and October). Workgroups include:

- Neighborhood Innovations
- City Innovations
- Regional and State Innovations
- Outreach and Recruitment
- Fundraising and Financing
- Data Management and Research

Adult OFPC members serve three-year terms, and may re-apply at the end of their term. Youth OFPC members will serve one-year terms, and may re-apply at the end of their term. Term limits TBD. New members will be announced by September 1, 2011. **A new member orientation will be held on September 8, 2011 at 5:00 pm, and new members will attend the September 15, 2011 OFPC meeting.**

Complete your OFPC Membership Application in SurveyMonkey here (preferred method):
http://www.oaklandfood.org/home/apply_for_ofpc_membership

Download the OFPC Membership Application in Word format here:
http://www.oaklandfood.org/home/membership_applications

By July 30, 2011 please submit your application via SurveyMonkey, or send your completed application to:

applications@oaklandfood.org OR Oakland Food Policy Council
Food First
398 60th St
Oakland, CA 94618

Please contact the OFPC Coordinator with any questions:

Email: coordinator@oaklandfood.org Telephone: 510-654-4400 x233

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Youth Membership Requirements

1. Oakland residence, enrollment in an Oakland school, and/or employment in Oakland, with a strong interest in the Oakland food system.
2. Attendance at each of the five yearly meetings of the full OFPC.
3. Attendance at 80% of workgroup meetings for your chosen workgroup, and commitment to work between meetings.
4. Commitment to transforming the Oakland food system into an equitable and sustainable system.
5. Interest in the workings of one of the five food system sectors (production, processing, distribution, consumption, waste management) and one of the following “working communities”:
 - a. Business Community
 - b. Labor Representatives
 - c. Community Organizations and Residents, including Youth
 - d. Rural and Regional Organizations
 - e. Health and Education Organizations
 - f. Local Governance
6. Respect for the complexity and sensitivity of the OFPC’s work with diverse partners, and appreciation for the need for personal and group skills in diversity management, problem-solving, decision making, and “getting to yes”.
7. Commitment to reaching out to a wide variety of people and entities within your chosen sphere of interest to ensure you understand their needs and what they have to offer.
8. Commitment to working in the public interest. OFPC youth members are expected to bring an open mind and interest in learning about the Oakland food system to the table for the benefit of Oakland, rather than to directly represent any organization they may be affiliated with, or a specific mind set.

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Youth Membership Application

Name:	Birth date:	
Affiliation (school, program, job, etc):		
Email:	Telephone:	
Address:	City:	Zip Code:

How do you identify yourself within the following categories? Check all that apply.

School

- In school Not in school

My school is a:

- Oakland Unified School District school Charter school
 University / College Other type of school

List the name of your school: _____

Youth Program (not required; check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycles of Change | <input type="checkbox"/> EBAYC | <input type="checkbox"/> HOPE | <input type="checkbox"/> Oakland Food Connection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBUGS | <input type="checkbox"/> People's Grocery | <input type="checkbox"/> PUEBLO | <input type="checkbox"/> SOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth UpRising | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Leadership / All-City Council | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Not in a youth program | |

Employment (not required; check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer job, related to food | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer job, <i>not</i> related to food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School year job, related to food | <input type="checkbox"/> School year job, <i>not</i> related to food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other job, related to food | <input type="checkbox"/> Other job, <i>not</i> related to food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No job currently | |

Demographic Information

Gender

- Female Male Transgender Other Decline to State

Age

- 13–18 19–22 23–25

Ethnicity/Race: Check all that apply

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White Hispanic or Latino

Disability: Check "yes" if you have a disability as designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Yes No Decline to State

Link to Oakland: Check all that apply

- Live Work School Attendance Youth Program Participation

Which sector(s) of the food system interest you the most?

- Production Processing Distribution Consumption & Marketing
 Waste Management & Resource Recovery

Support Information

Mentor:

(Please list the adult who will act as your mentor while you are seated on the OFPC. This person should be available to accompany you to meetings if you wish, and to guide you through the experience of participating on the OFPC. If you need us to help you find a mentor, please write "I need a mentor".)

Mentor Name:	Title:
Affiliation:	
Email:	Telephone:
Address:	City: Zip Code:

Parent or Guardian Contact Information, if under 18:

(If you are selected for a seat on the OFPC and you are under 18, your parent/guardian will need to sign permission forms.)

Parent/Guardian Name:		
Email:	Telephone:	
Address:	City:	Zip Code:

Questions

1. Why would you like to be an OFPC council member?

[Provide your answer using this expandable text box in Word, or on a separate sheet of paper]

2. What do you think you will bring to the OFPC? (Interests, skills, experience, and other strengths)

3. How do you feel about food? What would you like to change about the food you see in Oakland?

4. Membership on the OFPC will require attendance at all meetings of the full council (5 per year), and participation in at least one "working group" that will meet more frequently. Will you be able to make this time commitment? Yes No

5. OFPC members are selected based on their skills, experience, and commitment to transforming the Oakland food system, and are asked to serve in the public interest, rather than to directly represent any organization they are affiliated with. If seated on the council, will you be able to serve in the public interest, and recuse yourself from discussion topics if you have a conflict of interest?
 Yes No