

Get involved with the Tompkins Center for History and Culture through the

Youth Ambassadors Program

About TCHC:

The History Center in Tompkins County will be moving into the Tompkins Center for History and Culture (TCHC) at the end of 2018. Located on the Ithaca Commons, the TCHC will be a dynamic center involving several partners who will engage county residents and visitors with our rich history and heritage.

The Program:

The History Center in Tompkins County is offering a Youth Ambassadors Pilot Program that will bring together local youth to explore key themes from our history and gain experience in using a historical framework to connect our past, present and future.

What:

- Components
 - Learn about our local history.
 - Take Ithaca Heritage tours (<http://www.ithacaheritage.com/>).
 - Discuss current issues and explore how the past may be used as a tool to foster dialogue.
 - Talk about what it means to be connected to a place.
 - Take and record oral histories.
 - Meet with representatives of all the TCHC partners.
- The youth ambassadors may be asked to provide input or take the lead on
 - the development of a new tour (e.g. a Community Builders tour – who helped make this community?),
 - programming that addresses current community issues,
 - selecting a person, building or theme that might be highlighted in the exhibit hall,
 - pop-up events that involve people bringing artifacts,
 - family scavenger hunt,
 - ensuring that TCHC will engage youth.

When:

- Youth Ambassadors will meet once during the summer and then we will develop a regular schedule for the fall (meeting over the course of 6 months; probably twice/month)

Where:

- We will meet at The History Center and other destinations over the course of the program.

Why:

- Have fun learning about the place you live and help make it better.
- Youth input is very important to The History Center and to the Tompkins Center for History and Culture.
- Can count towards volunteer hour requirements.

Who:

- Anyone between the ages of 14-18.

How:

- Apply by July 18, 2018, by sending in the attached form to Rod Howe, director@thehistorycenter.net

The Ambassador Team:

- 15 youth ambassadors from across the county that represent the diversity of our population.

Websites: <https://thehistorycenter.net/>; <http://tompkins-center.net/>

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YOUTH AMBASSADORS PILOT PROGRAM
Application

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

School and Grade:

What strengths and unique perspectives will you bring to the team?

Why are you interested in the Youth Ambassadors program?

What aspect of local history most interests you?

What do you like to do with your free time?

What else would you like us to know about you?

Send to Rod Howe, director@thehistorycenter.net, by July 18, 2018.