



Fresno Chamber of Commerce **Junior Board**

2018 – 2019 Application

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ABOUT THE FRESNO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The mission of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce is to promote business and enhancing the economic and cultural well-being of Fresno County residents.

Since 1885, the Fresno Chamber of Commerce has been working hard to strengthen our community, encourage growth and identify needs and opportunities of the business community. The Chamber's core objectives include: promoting a strong local economy, providing opportunities to network and build relationships, deliver programs to help businesses grow, represent and advocate on behalf of business and enhance commerce through community stewardship.

These goals are accomplished through our Chamber committees, including the Junior Board, which provides members and stakeholders with the opportunity to participate and provide input on key issues. Chamber leadership is intensely involved throughout the wider community, encouraging vision, cooperation and consistency in long-range regional planning and decision-making. Events, projects and programs are designed and implemented to enhance the economic development of the greater Fresno area.

MISSION OF THE JUNIOR BOARD:

The mission of the Junior Board is to learn how to become leaders in sustaining the business environment and affect change in their schools, neighborhoods and community.

WHAT DO JUNIOR BOARD MEMBERS DO?

- Learn how to conduct meetings, outreach, public speaking, group decision-making.
- Develop project ideas
- Project management and implementation

BENEFITS OF BEING A JUNIOR BOARD MEMBER:

- Access to the highest level of leadership in both business and government
- Gain a high quality, organized, and focused leadership development experience
- Learn about municipal governments and community-based organizations with an emphasis in collaboration
- Learn how to lead and follow for community betterment

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Nine months starting in September 2018 and ending in May 2019. Time commitment requirements include the following:

- **Attend the first board meeting on September 17, 2018, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.**
 - This will be a one-time extended meeting to include an orientation and dinner.

- Monthly board meetings will typically be held the 4th Monday at 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Except for days affected by holidays.

Tentative schedule:

- September 17, 2018 – Orientation
- September 24, 2018
- October 22, 2018
- November 26, 2018
- December 17, 2018
- January 28, 2019
- February 25, 2019
- March 25, 2019
- April 22, 2019
- May 27, 2019 - Graduation

Students must coordinate their own transportation to and from meetings.

Attendance:

Students may miss up to two (2) class session out of the eight (8) core classes (not including orientation and graduation). Students who miss more than two (2) class sessions will not be eligible for graduation and will not receive certificate of completion.

- Committee Meetings
- Attend volunteer sessions.

WHO CAN APPLY?

High School students between the ages of 14-19 who live in Fresno County and:

- Are interested in helping their communities
- Want to learn about leadership development, action planning and group decision-making
- Like working in groups, expressing opinions, and having fun

RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

- Complete the application packet which includes: Cover Letter, Resume, Application Form, Letter of Recommendation and Commitment Statement by September 7, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.
- You will be notified as soon as possible within submission of your application
- The commission will make the appointments and contact you by phone or email.

APPLICATION FORM

Name	
Address	City and Zip Code
Home phone	Cell phone
Email address	
High School	Year in school (circle one): Fr. So. Junior Sr.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

Name(s)	
Address	City and Zip Code
Home phone	Cell phone
Email address	

COVER LETTER PROMPT: (Type and submit as a separate document.)

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF: List school activities, leadership positions, hobbies/skills, volunteer experience.

1. Why do you think public service is important?
2. What are some of the problems in our community that you feel need to be addressed?
3. What can you bring to this group to encourage the mission of Fresno Chamber of Commerce at your school and in your community?
4. How will you benefit from the information and experiences gained by being a Director on the Junior Board of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce?
5. Where do you see yourself in five years?
6. Will your personal schedule allow you to be actively involved in the meetings, trainings, and projects anticipated for the Junior Board of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce?
7. From time to time, the Fresno Chamber may provide food or snacks. Please list any dietary restrictions and/or food allergies we should be aware of.

For more information on the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, please visit www.fresnochamber.com

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION IS IN SUPPORT OF:

Student Name _____

School _____

Your Name _____

Areas	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Intellectual Curiosity				
Initiative				
Creativity				
Leadership				
Dependability				
Interpersonal Relations				
Diligence				

TELL US ABOUT THE STUDENT: (Please type and submit as a separate document.)

1. How do you know this student?
2. Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for the Fresno Chamber Junior Board?
3. Please provide any additional information regarding the student.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

I, _____, understand that the Junior Board of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce is an important leadership role for youth. If accepted, I am fully prepared to fulfill the commitment that is asked of all members including being a good representative for the youth of Fresno County, working hard to make a positive change and being a positive role model for other youth.

I have also discussed the time commitment with my parents or legal guardian, teachers, sport coaches, employer and other activity programs, and can make a serious time commitment given my responsibilities.

During class session, I will not be using electronic devices for uses outside of Junior Board requirements. I agree to be respectful to all of the speakers and engage in class discussions.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT PERMISSION

I, _____ the parent/legal guardian for _____, understand and agree with the mission and goals of the Junior Board of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, the Forward Fresno Foundation and support her/him in this commitment, and give permission for full participation in all activities, meetings, field trips and responsibilities pertaining to the duties of a Board Member.

PHOTO RELEASE for valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, I grant to the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and the Forward Fresno Foundation, the right to use my photograph, portrait, likeness, or testimonial in the manner indicated below.

I agree to release and hold harmless all shareholders, directors, officers, employees, and agents of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce from any activity, error, or omission associated with the reproduction of my photograph, portrait, likeness, or testimonial.

I have carefully read this release and understand its contents. I am aware that this is an assignment and release of liability, and a contract between myself, or if I am signing on behalf of a minor, that minor and all of the releases. I sign it of my own free will.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY for Accidents/Injury: I agree that my activities as a volunteer for the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and/or Forward Fresno Foundation are undertaken at my sole risk, and that the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, the Forward Fresno Foundation, the City of Fresno, and the County of Fresno shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to my person or property arising out of or connected with my actions as a volunteer. I agree to indemnify and to hold the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and/or the Forward Fresno Foundation harmless for all claims and/or liability for me or to me, or if I am signing on behalf of a minor, that minor. I also agree that this waiver and release shall apply to my heir(s), executor(s), and administrator(s). I have carefully read this Waiver/Release, I understand its contents, and I intend to be bound to its terms.

I AGREE TO TRANSPORT OR ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FOR MY CHILD TO AND FROM THE FRESNO CHAMBER AT A TIMELY MANNER. I WILL DROP OFF MY CHILD BEFORE 4:30 P.M. AND PICK UP PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN _____ Date: _____

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 @ 11:59 PM**

By post
Fresno Chamber of Commerce
ATTN: Junior Board
2331 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721

By email
info@fresnochamber.com
Subject: Junior Board Application – Student Name