

ORGANIZATIONAL YOUTH CHECKLIST:

Youth can use this checklist to assess your ability to provide meaningful youth representation. This tool could help everyone involved comprehend the necessary adjustments and to measure their commitment. It is important to note that we are not implying that every board meet all of these criteria.

Key

1. Yes
2. To Consider

1. 2.

- Do I have motivation, ability and knowledge to put in the time to understand the issues of the board?
- Am I aware of my job description and what the board expects of me?
- Has the board communicated the specific objectives they have for me as a youth member?
- Have I either identified or been assigned a mentor for my board role?
- Do I have the motivation, ability and knowledge needed to make a contribution to the board?
- Do I work to know individual board members on a social level?
- Am I aware of the written and unwritten agenda and flow of the board meetings?
- Do I demonstrate my willingness to learn through my words and actions?
- Am I aware of the needs, public positions and opinions of the youth I represent?
- Do I have the motivation, ability and knowledge to correspond with my community and the group(s) I represent about my governance activities?
- Do I have the motivation, ability and knowledge to take leadership roles on committees and/or the board when possible?
- Am I willing to ask questions that give me insight and understanding of the board's activities?
- When receiving feedback, information and answers to questions, I recognize the expertise and experience of the adults on my board?
- Am I willing to give my time and attention to all board issues rather than just the ones that affect me and those I represent?
- Do the adult members of the board hold any stereotypes about young people?
- Do I hold any stereotypes about adult board members?
- Have the adult board members received training that allows them to consider their assumptions about "kids these days?"
- Does the board show its appreciation for the good work that you are doing and have done?
- Am I mentoring other potential student representatives who may replace me?