



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission

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## AAPIC Commission Youth Council Member

**Organization:** AAPIC Youth Council

**Job Title:** Youth Council Member

**Status:** Part-Time (12 hours per month), Monday - Friday

**Stipend:** \$15.00/hour

**Location:** Mostly remote (some training sessions and meetings may be in-person)

**Apply By:** June 18, 2024

**Start date:** September 2024 (or earlier, depending on onboarding timeline)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American & Pacific Islanders Commission (AAPIC) is a permanent statewide body that was established under [section 68 of chapter 3](#) of the Massachusetts General Laws, which went into effect on October 29, 2006. The AAPIC was formed in recognition of the General Court's findings that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders constitute the fastest-growing minority population in both the Commonwealth and the United States, that they represent a diverse population within the Commonwealth, and that many members of the AAPI community have overcome great hardship and made outstanding contributions to the educational, economic, technological, and cultural well-being of the Commonwealth, but still face many challenges in their efforts for full social, economic, and political integration within the Commonwealth.

### About the Youth Council

In 2021, the Youth Council was envisioned by Education Committee Chair, Meena Bharath, with support from various commissioners and staff, including Yasmin Padamsee Forbes, Sam Hyun, Lily Tang, Haniya Syeda, amidst others, based on the concerns heard from AAPI students related to racism and lack of concrete actions in their school districts. The first Youth Coordinator is Abdul Haseeb Hamza, who helped actualize the Youth Council. The intent is to elevate young people's voices, and promote leadership values among AAPI youth across Massachusetts. The Youth Council consists of a diverse group of AAPI high school students who are interested in influencing social change and policy. Youth Council members are given training and mentorship, networking and opportunities to exercise their voice.

### AAPIC Youth Council Mission

The mission of the AAPIC Youth Council is to empower and amplify the voices and experiences of Asian American & Pacific Islander youth throughout Massachusetts. We strive to cultivate leadership qualities within this demographic while actively contributing to social change. Through collaboration with staff, commissioners, and community partners, members of the Youth Council drive impactful policy changes and advocate for positive transformation in our communities.

### AAPIC Youth Council Program Objectives

The AAPIC Youth Council is dedicated to empowering its members with the essential skills and resources needed to tackle urgent challenges within their communities. Our program features robust leadership training, tailored networking events, and valuable



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mentorship opportunities, all geared towards fostering the development of AAPI youth leaders.

Throughout the program year, Youth Council members will actively engage in community-oriented projects aimed at addressing relevant issues within their neighborhoods, towns, and broader communities. These projects will be conducted under the guidance and mentorship of respective AAPIC Commissioners, and staff, who offer expertise and support specific to their served areas.

## **Responsibilities**

- Attendance at bi-weekly meetings is mandatory
- YC members will work 12 hours per month on their respective community project and engage with Youth Coordinator and staff in bi-weekly meetings
- Students will attend events planned by the AAPI Commission and have opportunities to meet AAPI elected officials and Commissioners.
- YC members must report their work hours with due diligence
- YC members must be active in communication with the Youth Coordinator and any AAPI Commission staff (reserve the right to remove from YC if frequent communication is not established)
- Active participation in community engagement and service projects, and contribution to the planning and execution of events when necessary

## **Qualifications**

- Currently enrolled high school student in Massachusetts and able to obtain work permit
- At least 1-2 years of experience within youth or community work
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

## **To Apply**

Please fill out the [Application Form](#) by **June 18, 2023**. The form involves answering questions and uploading a resume.

Full Link to Application Form: <https://forms.gle/95Ng5kkj7AEVJoix6>

## **Application Key Dates**

- Week of May 1: Annual Youth Council Applications Open
- June 18th: Applications Close
- July: Prospective youth council member interviews
- August 1st - 15th: Decisions made, acceptance letters sent out

If you may have any questions, please contact AAPI Commission Youth Coordinator, Ashley Shan, [youth.coordinator@aapicommission.org](mailto:youth.coordinator@aapicommission.org)