



Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights Junior Commission

The Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights has made the commitment to develop a county-wide Junior Human Rights Commission. Our expectation is that the experience of working on the Junior Commission will both encourage participants to be involved in the day-to-day issues that affect their community and stretch the boundaries of their individual and collective exploration of the meaning and impact of human rights.

We believe that participation in the Junior Commission will:

- Produce a comprehensive understanding of the true meaning of *Human Rights*
- Bring a greater awareness of the day-to-day issues that affect their lives
- Create opportunities to develop communication and facilitation skills
- Empower participants to recognize and act in ways that make a positive impact on their schools, their families, their friends and their own self esteem
- Result in the knowledge that one individual truly can make a difference

What are the responsibilities of Junior Commissioners? Junior Commissioners are asked to commit to the project for a minimum of one year and have the following responsibilities:

- Attend an orientation and training session
- Attend at least two meetings of the Commission on Human Rights
- Attend monthly Junior Commissioner meetings
- Participate in a Human Rights Commission-sponsored field trip
- Give input to the Commission regarding issues related to youth
- Share Commission and Junior Commission news with their school and community

Are you interested in nominating a candidate to or applying for the Junior Commission? Fill out an application. If you need an application, visit [Facebook.com/SonomaCountyCommissiononHumanRights](https://www.facebook.com/SonomaCountyCommissiononHumanRights), the commission's website <http://www.sonomacountychr.org/> or contact the Commission's Office at (707) 565-2821 or chr@sonoma-county.org.

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ARE DUE MAY 15, 2015 WITH INTERVIEWS TAKING PLACE THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF MAY**