

826CHI YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

WHO?

Diverse¹, literary, motivated, and fun-loving individuals between the ages of 14 and 18 who appreciate a wide range of books, movies, and music.

WHAT?

YAB connects its members to local and national literary culture² through workshops and events. YAB members contribute to the 826CHI community through youth mentoring³, advising staff on workshops and programming, and helping with various activities and fundraisers. You will be granted service learning hours for your efforts.

WHERE?

826CHI, a non-profit writing and tutoring center located in Chicago.⁴

WHEN?

Bi-monthly⁵ meetings from 6:00-7:30pm running September 2011 through June 2012.

HOW?

To apply, come to the YAB kickoff at 826CHI at **6:00pm on Tuesday, September 27th**. (Yes, there will be food.) Also, please answer the questions on the next page of this form. We're pretty sure you're fascinating. You can email this information to kait@826chi.org, mail in the form, or stop by 826CHI any time after school. Our address is 826CHI, 1331 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL, 60622.



¹ That means we want you. Yeah, you. And your friend. We want teens from all over Chicago---that means north, west, south, by the lake, everywhere. We want juniors and seniors. We even like freshman and sophomores. Basically, we want you to come as you are.

² This sounds really pretentious. We were gonna look it up in the dictionary to help explain, but looking it up in the dictionary seemed kinda pretentious, too. So, here we are. Basically, we care about words. A lot. And we want to share our love with other people who that love to read words and write with words. So, yeah, literary culture. If you can define it better, we want you to hang out with us.

³ That's right, we are asking you to help your peers succeed by acting as a positive role model. That means we want you

to do your homework and then help others with the work they are doing. We want you to be present in the 826 community by attending free after-school tutoring and/or workshops. We both know that you have knowledge and skills to share, which is exactly why we want you on YAB in the first place.

⁴ Shhh! Come in close and we'll tell you a secret: 826CHI is located behind The Boring Store (a secret agent supply store). Seriously. So, when you're walking down the street, look for The Boring Store and walk on in. Otherwise, you'll miss us.

⁵ Bi-monthly means we meet twice a month. You can miss meetings every once in a while because life happens. But, really, we expect you to make it to most of the meetings. And, sometimes, things come up for us and you'll need to help out a little extra. In general, we're flexible and we hope you are too.

826CHI YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

(A.K.A. CONTACT INFO, PERSONAL INTERESTS, & MORE FASCINATING THINGS ABOUT YOU)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH/AGE: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU? (circle one)

FACEBOOK

TEXT MESSAGE

PHONE CALL

E-MAIL

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE 826CHI YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD?

WHAT ROLE DOES WRITING PLAY IN YOUR LIFE? (Be honest. Maybe you spend all of your free time doodling and writing stories in a notebook, or maybe you are filling out this application because you are avoiding writing that essay you just got assigned. Either way, we want to know.)

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE ARTISTS, WRITERS, THINKERS, AND/OR SOCIAL LEADERS.

WHAT ARE YOUR HIDDEN TALENTS? WHAT WOULD YOU BRING TO YAB?

DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN OTHER GROUPS OR ACTIVITIES? PLEASE DESCRIBE.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO DECIDE WHAT TO TELL US. WRITE A STORY, DRAW A COMIC, MAKE A CD, OR PROVIDE US WITH SOME OTHER CREATIVE EXPRESSION OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. (Use your own discretion, but we suggest you keep your submissions to under 500 words.)

For more information about 826CHI or questions regarding this application,
please call (773) 772-8108 or email Kait Steele: kait@826chi.org.

You can also check out our website at www.826chi.org.