

HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP JUNIOR COMMISSIONER

APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTH DATE _____ JUNIOR ____ SENIOR ____

SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING AND ADDRESS

YEARS OF RESIDENCY IN HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP _____

Please include with this application the additional information requested in Section 4 of the enclosed guidelines.

- (a) written statement
- (b) resume of activities
- (c) summary of academics
- (d) recommendations

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

**DEADLINE FOR 2016/2017 APPLICATION
September 23, 2016 or until position is filled**

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER

Purpose:

- (1) To encourage interest and participation in Township governance among young people, i.e., students who are not yet eligible to vote.
- (2) To provide input to Township commissioners from young people as to matters of interest to them.
- (3) To provide for dissemination of information about Township governance to Township youth through the participation of one of their peers.

Guidelines:

- (1) Township Commissioners may appoint Junior Commissioners to serve terms not to exceed one year.
- (2) The period of appointment shall generally coincide with the school year, i.e., September through August.
- (3) No more than one Junior Commissioner shall serve at any time.
- (4) Any Hampden Township resident who is a high school junior or senior (enrolled in a high school, vocational-technical school or charter school, or a home-schooled student) is eligible to apply for the position.

The application must be in writing and should include a resume of the applicant's activities, a summary of academic achievement (grade point average), a statement of the reason for desiring appointment and recommendations from any three or more of the following:

- o non-family residents of Hampden Township
- o high school teachers/administrators (whether or not Township residents);
- o and/or clergy (whether or not Township residents).

The applicant must submit to an interview by the Board of Commissioners or any Commissioner(s) designed by the Board to conduct such interviews.

- (5) Appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the Hampden Township Board of Commissioners (by majority vote). Commissioners may take in to consideration any or all of the following, but are not limited to these criteria: length of time the individual has been a Township resident, scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, third-party recommendations and evaluation during the interview process.
- (6) Service as a Junior Commissioner will cease immediately upon an appointee relocating out of the Township.
- (7) A Junior Commissioner may be relieved of that position by the Township Board of Commissioners for any reason (by majority vote).
- (8) A new appointment may be made to complete any unexpired term.
- (9) Unless expressly stated herein, the Junior Commissioner shall have no power to vote on any matter nor shall he/she take any action or have any express or implied authority to take official action or otherwise bind the Township.
- (10) The Junior Commissioner, when acting within the scope of the guidelines, shall be regarded as an official of the Township for purposes of the application of sovereign immunity.
- (11) The Township Manager will administer all matters relating to "advertising" for prospective applicants, screening of applications to ensure completeness and dissemination of materials to the Board of Commissioners.