

Cecil County Public Library Youth Board

GENERAL SUMMARY:

The Cecil County Public Library seeks sophomores, juniors, and seniors to serve on the Youth Board for the 2025-2026 school year. The role of the Youth Board is to obtain and share input from student peers and to assist CCPL Teen Services Librarians to design and implement responsive programs and services for teens. Youth Board members will have the opportunity to learn more about library services and programs, develop leadership skills, positively impact their community, and gain practical skills applicable to success in future pursuits.

Youth Board members commit to serve for a 1-year term. Applicants in their sophomore or junior year are eligible to participate for additional terms. Service learning hours will be provided.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend bi-monthly Youth Board meetings.
- Obtain input from peers on library programs and services for teens.
- Report on current trends and needs of students throughout Cecil County.
- Work collaboratively to help CCPL Librarians develop new library programs and services for teens.
- Communicate proactively regarding scheduling conflicts or concerns.
- Between meetings, attend special Youth Board events and/or prepare materials for upcoming events.
- Assist in developing content for the CCPL Youth Board Instagram page.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a current high school sophomore, junior, or senior living in Cecil County.
- Must be able to attend bi-monthly, 1 hour Youth Board planning meetings.

DESIRED SKILLS, EXPERIENCES, & INTERESTS:

Ideal candidates will:

- Be knowledgeable of current library programs and services for teens.
- Possess excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Be highly-motivated and demonstrate independence and leadership skills.
- Possess the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Interested applicants are invited to apply using the attached application by September 30, 2025.
- After review, the applicant may be invited for an interview prior to selection. Youth Board spaces are limited and not all applicants may be selected.

For questions, please contact Tekeya Winstead, Young Adult Services- Elkton Branch (twinstead@cecilcountylibrary.org, 410-996-5600) or Mattie Yoncha, Young Adult Services- Perryville Branch (myoncha@cecilcountylibrary.org, 410-996-6070)

**Cecil County Public Library Youth Board
Application, 2025-2026 School Year
Due: September 30, 2025**

I. Personal Information

Name: _____	School: _____	Grade: _____
Address: _____		
Phone Number: _____ (Check preferred) Home <input type="checkbox"/>	Cell <input type="checkbox"/>	Email: _____

II. Qualifications

<p>What is your experience with the Cecil County Public Library?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What library materials do you enjoy (Books, music, movies, games)? Please list a few of your favorites:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Please list your extracurricular activities, volunteer/community involvement, or work experience, including any leadership responsibilities:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Please tell us about your skills, abilities, and interests (academic and/or personal). How will they help you succeed as a member of the Youth Board?

What are your current plans following graduation? (If undecided, please share any potential careers or industries of interest to you.)

III. Availability:

What days are you available to attend Youth Board Meetings? Meetings typically take place after school from 4:00-5:00 at either the Elkton or Perryville Libraries. (Circle all that apply)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

III. Essay

Please attach a short response (essay) responding to the following:

Teen Mental Health Nights are a signature program developed by the CCPL Youth Board. What ideas do you have for themes or activities for future Teen Mental Health Night events? How would these ideas respond to the needs of your peers?

IV. References

Please include 2 letters of reference using the attached Reference Form.

Valid references include teachers or other school officials, coaches, employers, or officials from extracurricular or volunteer activities.

V. Parent/Guardian Permission

Please sign below to indicate permission for the candidate to participate on the Cecil County Public Library Youth Board for the 2025-2026 school year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Thank you for your interest in participating on the Cecil County Public Library Youth Board. Upon review, applicants may be contacted for an interview prior to selection.

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Applicant Name: _____ Reference Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

What attributes make the student an ideal candidate to serve as a member of the library's Youth Board?

What are the applicant's strengths and areas for growth?

Additional Comments:

(Please include additional pages as needed)

Signature: _____

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