

## FAQ on the Youth Board

### What are you looking for in applicants?

Anyone! We encourage any incoming 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders to apply. If you are enthusiastic about getting involved, looking forward to working with a team, interested in making decisions and learning about Young Americans, and ready for some fun, we want you to apply! No previous experience is necessary.

### What will I do once I'm on the board?

There is a 4-hour orientation meeting in August. There is one 2-hour meeting each month from September to May. These meetings take place the third Saturday of each month and are required. During the meetings the board learns about Young Americans, discusses the financial situation, makes recommendations about program areas and much more.

There are many opportunities for additional involvement outside the 2-hour board meetings. Advisory board members are invited to tour the Denver Mint and Federal Reserve, teach Saturday classes at the Young Americans Bank, act as youth representatives at various events, and generally represent the customer base of Young Americans.



*The 2010-2011 Youth Board at the Federal Reserve.*



*Members of the Youth Advisory Board meet with Senator Michael Bennett to discuss the state's finances.*

### How to I apply?

[Fill out this application](#) and submit it by June 29. You can print it out and mail it in or fill it out online and email it in.

### Who do I get my reference letter from?

The reference letter or recommendation tells Young Americans a bit more about how others see you. You can

get the recommendation from a teacher, from someone you've worked for, or from someone else who knows you well. Be sure to tell them what you're applying for so they can write about your work ethic, commitment to a group, interest in volunteering and more.



*The 2011-2012 Youth Advisory Board wraps presents for their Adopt-a-Family.*

**If I don't get accepted this year, can I apply again?**

YES! We encourage you to apply again next year.

**Can I be on the board more than once?**

Each year, the board is run by two Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs are 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders and have been on the board in the past. If you've already been on the board and are an incoming 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader, you can email Katie Payer for the Co-Chair application: [kpayer@yacenter.org](mailto:kpayer@yacenter.org). That application is due in early June.