SPARK!

2016 Teen Board Charter

About SPARK!

SPARK! is a non-profit organization with a mission to ignite the spark of creativity inherent in all children/teens. Located inside the historic South Side on Lamar building, SPARK! is an environment in which children can explore and interact with a wide variety of creative disciplines in a wildly creative way, stimulating their curiosity and fulfilling a natural desire for discovery. The founder’s vision is to bring a an expanded facility to Dallas. To learn more, visit our website: www.sparkdallas.org.

Purpose of the Teen Board

The SPARK! Teen Board is a student advisory group that meets during the school year. The board will brainstorm creative ideas for engaging youth, spreading awareness of the SPARK! mission, and testing out new programming by participating in a variety of creative activities. Members will gain both leadership and volunteer experience by participating as members of a board similar to those that govern non-profit agencies. The SPARK! Teen Board is an excellent opportunity for students interested in getting hands-on experience at an up-and-coming non-profit organization.

Members & Term

The SPARK! Teen Board will be made up of a maximum of twenty in grades 9-12. Teens will be eligible to apply and begin their service as early as the fall semester of 9th grade. The term of service will be one year (April-April). Students may be eligible to serve more than one term (excluding current high school juniors). Teens will not be able to serve as active members post-high school graduation. The inaugural Teen Board class cohort will serve September 2016 – June 2017 and may be re-elected for the 2017-2018 school year.

Responsibilities of the Teen Board

* Attend and participate in teen board meetings by sharing and contributing your thoughts, ideas, talents, and skills
* Raise the relevance of SPARK! to teens by contributing and evaluating new programming ideas
* Know the mission of SPARK! and be an ambassador at your school and in the community
* Participate in a service Project
* Be creative

2016-2017 Meeting Policy and Calendar

The first meeting will be determined by SPARK! All following meetings will be determined by the SPARK! Teen Board members. Members must make their very best efforts to attend all regularly scheduled meetings. Each member is allowed two (2) excused absences.

2016-2017 SPARK! Teen Board Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level as of September 2016: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teen Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teen Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit a minimum of one Teacher or Counselor Recommendation with this form.***

1. Why are you interested in being on the SPARK! Teen Board? What do you hope to gain from the experience?
2. What skills and strengths would you bring to the SPARK! Teen Board?
3. Are you currently involved in any other hobbies / extracurricular activities / community service activities? If so, what are they?
4. What does creativity mean to you?
5. What has been your greatest accomplishment to date?
6. Tell us about a time you displayed leadership skills.
7. Give an example of when you were part of a team. What was your role, and how did you use teamwork?

Please return completed applications ASAP to Lori Carey, Community Engagement Manager, at [lcarey@sparkdallas.org](mailto:lcarey@sparkdallas.org) or mail to:

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