



**City of Rochester Hills  
Youth Representative Application  
for City Council Communication Committees**

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Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
(248) 841-2463  
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*The Rochester Hills City Council has established a Youth Representative Position on each of its five Communication Committees. The committees discuss, review and study policies and/or administrative issues to provide recommendations to the City Council, the Mayor and Administrative Staff. You must be a resident of the City of Rochester Hills to apply.*

**Profile Information:** Please type or print using black ink.

Student Name: SARAN AHLUWALIA Birthdate: 03/19/89 Age: 15

Street Address: 57 CROSS CREEK BLVD.

City: Rochester Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48306

E-Mail Address (if applicable): saran\_ahluwalia@hotmail.com Home Phone: <sup>248</sup> ~~(248)~~ 650-0338

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) Name: Kiran and Pinto Ahluwalia

School Name: Stoney Creek High Grade: 9 Graduation Date: 2007

Principal's Name: DAN HICKEY<sup>SCHOOL</sup> School Phone: (248)-726-5700

School Address: 575 E. Tienken Road

City: ROCHESTER HILLS State: MI Zip Code: 48306

**Committee Choices:**

*Please indicate your top three choices (1 being first) of which Committee you would most like to serve:*

- Administration & Information Services (AIS)** reviews policy matters of general government and information services regarding communications, information technology, salaries and per diems, class C licenses, elections and municipal organization.
- Community Development & Viability (CDV)** reviews policy matters such as land development and maintenance, economic development and maintenance, and infrastructure development and maintenance.
- Financial Services (FS)** reviews policy matters of budget and financial affairs.
- Leisure Activities (LA)** reviews policies regarding city parks, Museum, Environmental Educational Center, community events and inter local recreational facilities and programs.
- Public Safety (PS)** reviews policies regarding fire protection, police protection, emergency medical service, traffic and pedestrian safety, emergency operations and civil defense.

**Essay Questions:**

Please type or neatly write a short essay on a separate piece of paper responding to the following questions. (500 words maximum.)

1. Please explain why you would like to be a member of a Communication Committee?
2. What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?
3. What are your interests?
4. How would you be able to schedule your time to function effectively as a youth representative?

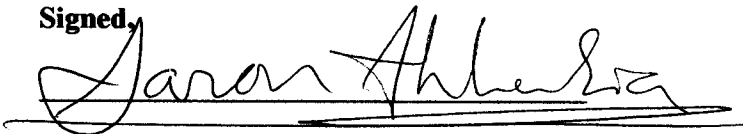
**Recommendations:**

Please include two letters of recommendations (with your application and essay) from adults who know you at school and your activities out of school.

**Interest Statement:**

I am interested in serving on a Communication Committee for the City of Rochester Hills. I understand that this will require me to attend one meeting per month during my term.

Signed,



Dated: 2004-4-28-04

I have read the above interest statement and give my permission for my son/daughter to serve as a youth representative on a Communication Committee for the City of Rochester Hills.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:



Dated: 4-28-04

Work phone (if applicable) (248) 650-9189

Please return the completed application, essay and recommendations by April 30, 2004 to:

City of Rochester Hills Clerk's Office  
Susan Koliba-Galeczka, City Council Liaison  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Fax: (248) 656-4744  
Email: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org

The returned information will remain in the Clerk's Office and are not confidential. For additional information, please call Susan Koliba-Galeczka, City Council Liaison, (248) 841-2463.

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Even as a young child, I hoped to one day be a tremendous asset to the community. Now as a 9th grader I hope to be a diligent representative of the Communication Committee by gaining experience, by working cooperatively with my peers, and applying my many talents in a constructive manner, a manner that will benefit myself, and society in the future.

Having been raised in an Indian community, I have learned the true meaning of hard work and determination. One of my most rewarding experiences is my ever amounting hours of community service. Whether it is collecting donations for Angolan children or painting and refurbishing houses for the disabled, community service has molded me into a more responsible and more mature person. Also, I have been an attentive pupil at the Indus Academy of Academic Excellence (ICAE). This program has challenged my logic and mathematical skills and has gradually increased my advantage in mathematical reasoning. I also am an avid drawer. My main focus in this field is still life, portrait, and cartoon. As many teenage boys, I adore sports. I enjoy basketball, tennis and soccer. I adore reading, as it is one my favorite past-times. I enjoy reading classics and poetry. Among my favorite reads are 'The Count of Monte Cristo', 'David Copperfield', 'Great Expectations' and poetry by Victor Hugo.

Undoubtedly my cultural diversity will be a great contribution to the Communication Committee. Being raised as I mentioned before in an privileged Indian community, first in Syracuse, New York, then Birmingham, England and finally Detroit. My experience in England was most pleasant. I was most privileged to attend one of the finest private schools in the world; Solihull School. It was here that I realized my dreams and self identity. Through hard work and determination I received numerous awards of merit in Religious Studies, English and neuroscience. At Solihull School, I also acquired fluency in French, Hindi, Punjabi and Latin, during my stay in England.

I have also visited different countries of Asia and Europe and have experienced similarities and differences among many diverse cultural groups and geographical areas. This allowed me to relate to different people, by understanding their beliefs and ethics. This quality will help me work well with fellow representatives at the Communication Committee and help me compromise with and comprehend people in the future.

I am an extremely cooperative person. Mountain expeditions in Wales, Germany and Scotland have taught me to accept views and thoughts and work as a team to reach a goal. I hope as a representative of the Communication Committee I will use this quality, and communicate my views and ideas in a way that creates a friendly environment.

As time will be ultimately the most important part of my life, I will take great measures and make sacrifices to prioritize my work. To fit my community service, being a member of the Communication Committee, my education, my SAT and extra studies as well as my Crittenton Hospital service I will have to extinguish unnecessary habits such as watching T.V. or wasting time unnecessarily from my life.

I am convinced that community service offers me the opportunity to live a fulfilling, rewarding life dedicated to serve the community. Performing as a representative at the Communication Committee would be one of the greatest rewards for my motivation and persistence for success in my future.

# STONEY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

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TO: Susan Koliba-Galeczka  
City Council Liaison  
City of Rochester Hills City Clerk's Office  
April 20, 2004

FROM: Katie Walter , ext. 6683 (kwalter@rochester.k12.mi.us)  
Stoney Creek High School, Social Studies Department

RE: Saran Ahluwalia

Dear Ms. Koliba-Galezka,

Please consider favorably the application of Saran Ahluwalia Youth Representative to the Rochester Hills City Council. Saran exhibits all the attributes required and would be an excellent representative. He is intelligent, industrious, and involved.

It has been my pleasure to have Saran in my Modern World History class. He has excelled at all tasks. He is self-motivated and self-initiated. He arrives at class everyday fully prepared, he is an active participant in the class discussion. He sets high academic standards and meets or exceeds them.

Saran works very hard. Coupled with his innate intelligence is an exemplary work ethic. Not only does he actively participate in the academics, he is just as involved in extra-curriculum activities. Saran has joined the Key Club (high school branch of Kiwanis) which promotes community service. He is also in the French Club.

Outside of school, Saran participates in the Indus Center of Academic Excellence. He is a volunteer at Gurduwara, his temple, on Saturdays and Sundays. He is also a member of the Harmonium Class.

The old adage is, if you want a job done, ask a busy person. Saran is truly busy but is ready to take on this additional responsibility. He will bring to the job of representative the same industry and commitment and compassion. He is a young man of high integrity who will be an asset to your organization.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information on this fine young man.

*Katie Walter*

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April 28, 2004

To: City Council Communication Committee  
From: Elizabeth Tigue  
Re: Saran Ahluwalia

I highly recommend Saran Ahluwalia as a City Council Communication Committee Youth Representative. I have had the privilege of teaching Saran for 2 hours a day all this year. Saran is a conscientious and reliable student who expresses himself clearly and concisely in discussion. He has shown great interest in his community by volunteering for his church kitchen and learning to play the Harmonium to provide music for his church. He is also involved in Key Club and French Club at school. Saran would be a valuable asset to your committee due to his excellent work ethic and genuine interest in improving our community.

Thank you,



Elizabeth Tigue  
Teacher Stoney Creek High School