



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

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Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
(248) 841-2463  
www.rochesterhills.org

*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: April Feng Birthdate: 3/21/88 Age: 16  
 Street Address: 2008 Fairfield Dr  
 City: Rochester Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48306  
 E-Mail Address (if applicable): randomblabble@rose-mi.com Home Phone: (248) 608-0069  
 Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) Name: Wei Feng (dad) + Ling Li (mom)  
 School Name: International Academy Grade: 10 Graduation Date: 2006  
 (home school: Adams)  
 Principal's Name: Bert Orma School Phone: (248) 341-5900  
 School Address: 1020 E. Square Lake Rd.  
 City: Bloomfield Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48304

**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,

April Long

Dated: 04-12-04

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:

[Signature]

Dated: 4-12-04

Work phone (if applicable) 586 575-6403

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



Essay  
April Feng

Being a member of a Communication Committee means much more than looking good on a college application or fulfilling the required number of *community service hours*. To me, it means *giving back to a community that has been a staple of my life*. The Rochester Hills community has instilled in me values which only a city like it could. And as my life goes on, I hope the community will continue to teach me important lessons in life through which I will be able to improve not only myself but also my surroundings. To be able to give back to such a community would be nothing short of required. Being on a Communication Committee will help me achieve this goal.

I am a charismatic and focused person who likes to challenge myself and explore new ideas, concepts, and beliefs. I am willing to go out of my way to help not only my friends and those I know, but also those who need it the most. What better way to be involved in the community and help than to be on a Communication Committee?

I enjoy doing the creative, writing short and fan fiction, drawing, painting, and doing graphics design and webmastering are just a few of my hobbies. I also enjoy music. I play the piano and clarinet and am in both the symphonic band and chamber orchestra at my school.

While the International Academy has a demanding curriculum, especially as one goes into 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, I can manage my time efficiently and well. I am already juggling school, several clubs, and a few tons of homework every week and still have time for some of the things that I enjoy like being rushed into new worlds of fantasy through books every weekend, spending time with my family, and going to see a movie or two with my friends.

Due to my desire to give back to my community, my time-management abilities, and my interests in just about everything, I think I would make a positive and contributing member of a Communication Committee.



International Academy

1020 E. Square Lake Rd

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-1957 USA

Telephone: 248.341-5900 Fax: 248.341-5959

27 April 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known April Feng from 2002-2004 for two academic years. April performs in the Symphonic Band at the International Academy, and is one of seventeen clarinets in the ensemble, and sits sixth chair. There are juniors, seniors, and sophomores represented in the Symphonic Band, so the competition is fierce. This year, due to the vast amount of exposure to good sounds, April's tone colour and quality of sound have greatly improved.

Intonation and blend are two marked achievements of this past academic year. April is able to acknowledge verbal feedback and will make substantial improvements between meeting times of classes (the International Academy is on an alternating block schedule). Her enthusiasm for the clarinet is second only to her desire to improve as a performer and as a musician. April continues to take private lessons that supplement and augment her sight reading skills, note accuracy, and general musicianship. Overall, April Feng is a musician with much potential, much enthusiasm, and a great desire to improve. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call 248.341.5900, or email [mgonzales@bloomfield.org](mailto:mgonzales@bloomfield.org).

Sincerely,

Matt Gonzales  
Director of Bands  
International Academy





International Academy

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**"Best High School in America"**

- Newsweek - June, 2003

*A World of Learning*

April 28, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with April Feng for two years now as her teacher. This close interaction with April allows me to competently judge her intelligence, character, and dedication. April is a bright, passionate, and straightforward girl who is not afraid to speak her mind or stand up for her principals. I admire her strength of character and her willingness to work hard, which is unusual for a teenage girl. Among her peers, April truly stands out for her strength, insight, and compulsion to act upon her insights.

April's intelligence is obvious enough. She attends a rigorous school and is definitely up to the challenge. Moreover, she does not shirk the hard work that her school entails. Success in life is only ten percent talent, ninety percent hard work, and April definitely has that ninety percent.

This solidarity also manifests itself in her character. April has a strong and solid character; she already has a good grasp on who she is. Adding to her understanding of herself, April's insightful nature also lead her to a good understanding of her place in society and society's place in the world. She understands citizenship. Not only does she appreciate it, but she is highly interested in pursuing action as a citizen. I believe this stems from her strong set of principals.

Not the least of her principals is her principal to stand up and act when something is wrong. April does not let any evil slip quietly by; she points it out, with courage, and then tries to do something about it.

I believe these types of attitudes and citizen-oriented behaviors should be cultivated in our nations' youth. Finding teenagers with the courage to speak up and the willingness to work hard at maintaining principals is a rare gift. While April may lack some refinement, I have had the delight in seeing her mature quickly in the last two years. I feel confident that she will quickly grasp any opportunity to continue to grow and greatly benefit from it. Moreover, her maturity and growth in any opportunity will also benefit her surrounding society, because April is not one to be passive. She learns quickly and uses what she learns for the benefit of everyone. April would be an excellent candidate for any council position in society.

Sincerely,

Anna A. Fleury  
International Academy



*Principal: Lambert Okma; Assistant Principal: Patricia Steeby; Counselor: Cynthia Wright & Gretchen Parks*