

Durham Cultural Advisory Board Student Member

Student Role and Responsibilities

The Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) student member serves as active, voting members of the DCAB. Student members: provides advisement for Cultural Advisory Board meetings and activities; attends monthly meetings; works with subcommittees groups or ad hoc committees; and performs other responsibilities as assigned by the Board.

Student DCAB members are appointed by the DCAB appointed members after a public call-for-applicants is conducted by City and County administration. Newly appointed DCAB student members are notified by the City of Durham staff about the appointment in the beginning of the City's fiscal year. City Staff conducts orientation training for newly appointed members.

Student members' role generally requires 2-3 additional hours a month commitment beyond regular monthly meetings, which are 1.5 hours. Total time per year would be at least 60 hours. City and County staff provide distance-attendance with conference calls (i.e. zoom meeting) for monthly meetings.

Overview & Recruitment

The Durham Cultural Advisory Board (DCAB) welcomes the unique perspective students can bring to a public board. Three student DCAB member positions are currently available, offering practical civic-board leadership experience and opportunities to receive mentoring from established arts and cultural leaders. The student members will provide a unique perspective on issues impacting the arts and cultural sector of Durham as voting members of the DCAB.

DCAB serves as an advisory body to the City of Durham's City Council and City Manager, and the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager. Partnering with the City's General Services Department's Art, Culture and Sustainable Communities Division and Durham County Engineering, DCAB members advise the City and County regarding the implementation of the arts and cultural policy and to advocate for the arts in Durham. The Board consists of 15 members; thirteen members are appointed by the City Council, and two members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The DCAB members appoint up to three student member positions from Durham area secondary schools and schools of higher learning. Student DCAB members shall advise on:

- Promoting economic and workforce development through art and culture, including the recruitment and retention of cultural non-profit organizations and for-profit cultural businesses, as well as, developing cooperative projects with the Art, Culture and Sustainable Communities Division, Durham County Engineering, and other departments and agencies to engage cultural components that advance Durham's goals.

- Advocate for cultural development.
- Advise the City and County on funding for local arts and cultural organizations and facilities and advocate for private funding and for federal, state and county funding for Durham cultural organizations, programs and facilities.
- Advise on the implementation of any public art program the City or County might establish and advise the City and County on matters relating to public art.
- Advocate for public and private funding for local cultural organizations and facilities.

Student DCAB members shall serve without compensation and must live or study in the County of Durham.

Terms Limits

- 1 year terms
- Can serve 4 terms (4 years total)
- Must wait two terms (2 years) before reapplying after serving the full 4 terms
- Same attendance policy as the DCAB members: must be present for at least 50% of the meeting during the yearly term.

Monthly Meetings

12 per year
3rd Wednesday of each month
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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