

Do you like to read?

Have you ever seen a book, a poster, a game, or an advertisement and thought, “I could make this better”?

Do you like to communicate your ideas?

If so,

APPLY FOR THE FREE SPIRIT TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Free Spirit Publishing, the leading publisher of books that support young people’s social and emotional health, seeks **young people, grades 6 and up**, to join its teen advisory council. In order to keep our books and other products current and relevant, the advisory council provides valuable feedback on things like design, art, and content.

Council member responsibilities include the following:

- a 12-month commitment
- timely responses to our questions sent via email
- confidentiality
- completion of the Teen Advisory Council application, including parent or guardian permission

Council members must have access to the Internet and email and be able to receive and open PDFs.

Individuals selected for the council will receive an official certificate of membership, a \$25 Free Spirit gift certificate, and a free book.

Members who complete their 12 months of service will receive an additional \$25 Free Spirit gift certificate. Some members may be asked to serve again.

If you’re interested, please complete and submit an application. Applications are attached to this flyer or available at our website, www.freespirit.com. Application review is ongoing. Applicants chosen for the council will be contacted.

Contact Lauren Ernt, ernt@freespirit.com, if you have questions.

Application Form

Free Spirit Publishing's Teen Advisory Council

To apply, complete all parts of this application. This information will be kept confidential and used solely within Free Spirit.

Name _____ Date _____

Home address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal code _____

Country _____ Email address _____

School name _____ City _____ State _____ Grade level _____

Your School

1. Your school is: (check all that apply from each of the rows below)

a. middle school junior high high school homeschool

other _____

b. public private charter magnet college/university vocational

other _____

c. urban rural suburban

2. How many students attend your school? (check one of the following options)

less than 250 between 251 and 1,000 between 1,001 and 2,000 2,001 or more

3. What else would you like us to know about your school?

Your Family

1. How many siblings do you have? _____

2. Which of the following describes you (check one)

only child oldest child youngest child middle child

other (please describe) _____

3. Which of the following describes your family? (check all that apply)

two-parent/guardian household single-parent/guardian household
 stepfamily/blended family foster family other (please describe) _____

4. What else would you like us to know about your family?

About You

1. You are/identify as: (check all that apply to you from each question)

a. male female
b. American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut Asian/Pacific Islander African American
 Hispanic/Latino Caucasian other: _____

2. What types of publications have you read in the last year? (please check all that apply)

fiction books nonfiction books magazines newspapers comic books
 blogs websites other: _____

3. What is your favorite type of publication to read? (check one)

fiction books nonfiction books magazines newspapers comic books
 blogs websites other: _____

4. Where do you usually get books and reading materials? (please check all that apply)

bookstores libraries websites other _____

5. What media sources do you use for information? (please check all that apply)

books eBooks (Kindle, Nook, etc.) apps (iPad, etc.) magazines
 newspapers blogs other _____

6. Have you read any self-help books in the last year (including those from Free Spirit)?
If so, which ones?

7. Do you have any special interests or hobbies? Please tell us about them.

8. Do you participate in any clubs, sports, or other extracurricular activities? If so, which ones?

9. Please share any goals or plans you have for the future.

10. How did you find out about the Teen Advisory Council? Why are you interested in serving?

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To complete the application, please have your parent or guardian sign below.

Parent/Guardian Permission

I authorize _____ (student name) to apply for membership in Free Spirit Publishing's Teen Advisory Council. I understand that, if accepted, membership lasts for a period of one year.

I also understand that all contact information and feedback provided by my daughter or son will be kept confidential and used solely within Free Spirit; names and addresses will not be used or shared externally.

If you have any questions about the Teen Advisory Council, please contact Lauren Ernt by phone at 612-746-6843 or by email at ernt@freespirit.com.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Parent/Guardian name (printed): _____

Date: _____

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