YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How have people used Youth Bills of Rights in the past?
In some cities, youth have presented to their local government. In three instances, city councils have adopted the Bills as guidance for making and voting on policy. You might follow this strategy, or you might choose a new one. Your team decides how, where and to whom you’d like to present your ideas. We help it happen.

What is the time commitment and timeline for this project?
Your Youth Bill of Rights will have several committees. These groups, which will work a few hours a week, might focus on drafting the Bill, planning outreach or preparing the presentation. The larger group will meet once a month to offer feedback. CDF-TX will work to guide this process so you can finish the Bill by the end of the year and present it in early 2020.

How many people will be involved and how will they communicate?
We aim for committees to stay under 10 people, while we open the floor for feedback to as many people who want to be involved. We want to make sure your Bill represents and honors diverse points of view. CDF-TX will facilitate online and in-person meetings in areas that are accessible by public transport.

Is there an age requirement?
While we don’t have a strict age cut-off, our target audience is early teens through early 20’s.

How will I grow?
This volunteer opportunity will hone your skills as a researcher, advocate and future professional. You set your agenda for the changes you want to see, while CDF-TX offers leadership development resources and professional contacts. Working with a team, learning about government structures and meeting decision-makers, you’ll not only be able to speak to this experience in resumes, cover letters and scholarships— you will also have the tools to continue enacting change in the future.