




Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

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TO: Rural Community Leaders and Young Adults
FROM: Patrick Anderson, CEO 
DATE: October 15, 2018
SUBJECT: **Recruitment of Two Young Adults to Serve on RurAL CAP's Board of Directors**

Dear Rural Community Leaders and Young Adults:

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) is pleased to open recruitment for two young adults (ages 18-24) from rural Alaska to join our Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity for young adults who are passionate about improving the quality of life in rural Alaska and eager to develop their leadership skills in a meaningful way. **No prior leadership experience is required.** These two positions will serve for one year, beginning at RurAL CAP's next Board meeting, the week of December 10, 2018.

About RurAL CAP

Mission

To empower low-income Alaskans through advocacy, education, affordable housing and direct services that respect our unique values and cultures.

Vision

Healthy People, Sustainable Communities, Vibrant Cultures

RurAL CAP, founded in 1965, is a private, statewide, nonprofit organization working to improve the quality of life for low-income Alaskans. RurAL CAP recognizes the unique values and way of life of rural Alaskans. It plans its activities with input from and respect for the people it serves. It follows the belief that rural Alaskan communities have the right to maintain their cultural heritage and close relationship to the land while protecting their economic and human potential.

From Head Start, parent education, youth development, and Elder engagement programs, to Native land claims and subsistence advocacy, weatherization support, and alcohol and substance abuse prevention, RurAL CAP has left a lasting mark on the history and development of rural Alaska and its peoples. From its earliest days to the present, RurAL CAP's success can be attributed to the direct involvement of the people served in the decision making processes which affect their lives, and to the belief in and respect for Alaskans' unique values, lifestyle and cultures by RurAL CAP board members and staff. Governed by a 24-member Board of Directors representing every region of the state, RurAL CAP is one of the largest and most diversified nonprofit organizations in Alaska.

About the Position

RurAL CAP's Board of Directors is excited to invite two young adults to join their efforts as Young Leader Board Members. These non-voting members will serve in an advisory role and offer valuable perspectives to board decisions impacting the people and communities RurAL CAP serves. Each Young Leader Board Member

will bring their own voice to the table and serve as an advocate for the needs of their peers from rural Alaska. Please see attached position description for more information.

Benefits to Serving as Young Leader Board Member

- Opportunity to advocate for rural community needs, share youth perspectives and guide the services being offered by RurAL CAP.
- Individual coaching and mentorship from a RurAL CAP board member and staff member.
- Opportunities to practice speaking in a public forum.
- Opportunities to develop relationships and work closely with RurAL CAP board members serving in a variety of professions and leadership roles from around the state.
- Attend four, two-day board meetings per year in Anchorage or other locations, expenses covered by RurAL CAP.
- Develop life-long leadership skills for lasting impact now and for the future!

Application Deadline – Wednesday, November 7, 2018

How to Apply

1. *Recruit Candidates* – Share this announcement with community members, teachers, coaches, and others, and encourage young adults (ages 18-24) to apply.
2. *Candidates Submit Applications* – Applications can be emailed or faxed directly to RurAL CAP:

Selection Committee
RurAL CAP Board of Directors
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Selection Process

1. *Application Review* – RurAL CAP will review applications and select candidates to be interviewed.
2. *Telephone Interview* – Applicants selected for interview will be interviewed by phone the week of November 12.
3. *Board Member Selection* – Successful applicants will be notified the week of November 19. Their one year of board service will begin the week of December 10, 2018. An orientation training will be held, followed by a Board of Director's meeting December 12-13.

Attached please find a position description and application for the Young Leader Board Member position to share.

*Thank you for your interest!
Please do not hesitate to contact RurAL CAP staff listed above for more information.*