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Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Children's Commission

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Occupation Student

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Licenses held (if applicable)

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Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?

I want to serve on the Snohomish County Children's Commission because I genuinely believe that every young person deserves to have their voice matter and this is especially true when it comes to the decisions that shape their daily lives. However, the reality is unfortunately not everyone has the same ability to speak up for themselves. Whether it's because of physical limitations, mental health challenges, or just the circumstances they were born into, some kids and teens never get the chance to be heard. That's something I care deeply about and think is a big issue which is why I want to use whatever platform I have to help amplify the voices of the people who can't always speak for themselves. I'm also very passionate about policy and advocacy and it would be an honor to be part of work that puts youth experiences at the center, not just as an afterthought.

What draws me to this Commission specifically is its real commitment to amplifying the voices of kids, teens, and families, and to pushing for equitable access to the things everyone deserves including but not limited to healthcare, education, stability, and safety. As someone who is young and living right here in Snohomish County, I have a firsthand understanding of how these policies actually play out in real life, and I want to bring that perspective to the table. At the same time, I know I have a lot to learn, and I'm genuinely excited about the chance to grow alongside community leaders and professionals who are already doing this work.

I would be thrilled to get an opportunity to help build a county where every young person feels safe, supported, and like they actually belong.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.

I am a strong candidate because I have real experience working with youth, listening to different perspectives, and advocating for equity in my community. Through my social justice club work, I have taught and worked with middle schoolers on issues of inclusion, belonging, and civic engagement, which has shown me how important it is for young people to feel heard and supported. My experience in Youth Court taught me how to listen without judgment and work collaboratively to create community-based, restorative outcomes that center growth rather than punishment. I have also been involved in FIUTS and cultural competence studies, where I pushed myself to learn from people with different backgrounds and better understand how culture and identity shape people's experiences. Additionally, through Student Voices and my participation on an Equity Access Panel, I have worked to understand multiple student perspectives and bring that to discussions to help make my school community more equitable. These experiences have prepared me to bring a thoughtful, youth-centered perspective to the Commission's work.

Please list community

I take deep pride in being connected with my community. Some of my work thus far has been:

involvement/volunteer activities

- Senate Page under John Lovick
- FIUTS Ambassador
- Cultural Competence Project Lead
- Bothell Youth Court
- EPS Equity Access Panel
- WAHSDA Eboard- Social Media Director

How did you learn of this opportunity?

I learned about the Commission after attending a lobby day event with the Washington State High School Democrats from a Student Member of the Commission in King County.

Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?*

No

**2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to county boards or commission must meet the following requirements:*

(1) Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony;

(2) If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board;

(3) Reside or work in Snohomish County, or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, PROVIDED That a candidate may not be a County employee.

****People joining identified boards and commissions will be required to complete a background check. Boards and commissions identified as subject to requiring background checks include Children's Commission, Community Services Advisory Council, Council on Aging, CDMH (Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Program Advisory Board), Climate Action Advisory, Developmental Disabilities, Evergreen State Fair, Human Rights, Marine Resources, Performance Audit, and Planning Commission.**

By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.

Signature

Nilima Pahari

Date

02/02/2026

Please attach resume if [Nilima Pahari Resume .docx](#)
available and either
submit this form or print
it and mail to

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