APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO

Submit Date: Apr 26, 2025

COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Instructions

You may fill out this application on-line by tabbing between fields and selecting the green Submit at the bottom once complete.

If you prefer to submit a paper application you can select the Print button at the bottom of the page. Printed applications require an original signature and date noted. Any additional documents will need to be attached and then mailed to the address at the bottom of the form.

Must be a resident of Nevada County to apply.

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

Incumbent?

○ Yes ◉ No

Ella
First Name

Lee
Last Name

[redacted]
Home Address

Suite or Apt

Penn Valley
City

CA
State

95946
Postal Code

Mailing Address (if different from residence)

[redacted]

Business Address (Optional)

[redacted]

Supervisorial District 1 through 5 (Available from Election Office, 265-1298)

☑ District 3

Time(s) available to attend meetings (days, evenings, etc.)

Typically, I am most available on weekday evenings. I have flexibility in deciding my schedule at the beginning of every semester, so I can generally work around the youth commission meetings.

[redacted]
Email Address

Ella Lee

Business Email Address

[redacted]

Home: [redacted]

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are you currently employed with the County of Nevada?

○ Yes ◉ No

Interests & Experiences

Experience: A resume, or additional sheets, may be attached containing any information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.

Education/Employment Experience

I attend Ghidotti Early College High School, 4.0 uw & 4.5 w, and Sierra College, where I am pursuing 6 AA degrees (political science, sociology, social justice, social and behavioral science, natural science, and arts and cultures). I work at Sierra College as a tutor, office assistant, and library worker. In this, I tutor many subjects, including trigonometry, English, American Sign Language, and physics, and work at the front desk in the library and digital tutoring space.

Community Experience and Affiliations

I am extremely passionate about policy and community service, and as such, I have completed over 130 hours of volunteer work since the beginning of the school year. This passion has driven most of my community involvement, with key initiatives including: Co-founding the Nevada County Chapter of Girls N Gears, an international nonprofit promoting gender equity in STEM. I organized free hands-on STEM workshops that reached over 20 young students. Volunteering at FREED Independent Living, a disability advocacy organization. My work includes researching disability rights policy, drafting legislative letters of support/opposition, participating in accessibility initiatives, and engaging in public education and outreach. Participating in YOUTH SPEAK, a stipend-funded research initiative presented at the Wellness Together Conference. I conducted and applied research on youth mental health access in rural communities, contributing to statewide recommendations. At Ghidotti, I co-founded and led the Speech and Debate Team, guiding 14+ students in debate fundamentals and taking a smaller group to competitions. I also serve as: President of Key Club, organizing impactful events such as a "pay-what-you-can" thrift shop fundraiser and a care package workshop for 160+ students. Vice President of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), connecting students to service opportunities and building partnerships with local organizations. Vice President of Mu Alpha Theta, our math honors society, where we tutor younger students. Historian of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), where I qualified for the California State Leadership Conference. I presented on Narcan and harm reduction, a topic I care deeply about, and was honored to help educate a wide audience. Student Council Member throughout high school, where I planned four+ school dances—most recently achieving record-high attendance and revenue. I also helped organize rallies focused on inclusive school spirit and fundraisers that raised over $2,000, supporting student needs and events. LCAP and Site Council Representative, where I advocated for Ghidotti during recent district budget cuts. I worked to ensure that, despite financial setbacks, our school could retain critical mental health support services for students.

List any other County boards, commissions, or committees on which you have served:

None yet

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board of Supervisors in making this appointment:

I am very passionate about creating the best possible community we can, and I believe this starts with youth. I think that by building up our community's youth engagement and bolstering the sense of belonging felt in our area, we can begin to create a better place that invites intergenerational connection and communication. I am excited by the opportunity to work on projects that will help better my community and feel equipped to be a helpful resource in developing these projects. My experience in public speaking, legislative advocacy, event planning, and outreach has given me a strong foundation in community engagement and civic responsibility, and I hope to use these skills on the commission.

References: Please list two references with telephone numbers

K [redacted] - [redacted] Kathalene Court - [redacted] - [redacted]

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Upload a Resume

Additional Attachments

Agreement

Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a financial disclosure statement as part of the appointment process. The form may be viewed at http://www.fppc.ca.gov. An Oath of Office will be required upon appointment. I have reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statement requirement.

☑ I Agree

Applications must be filed with:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors - County of Nevada
950 Maidu Ave.
Nevada City CA 95959-8617.
This application is a public document.
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Ella Lee

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A student passionate about her community who aims to gain skills in public administration and government to prepare for a career in legislation.

EDUCATION

Ghidotti Early College, Grass Valley

August 2022 - Anticipated Graduation: May 2026

- 4.0 unweighted GPA

EXPERIENCE

FREED Center for Independent Living, Grass Valley — *Disability Advocacy Volunteer*

February 2024 - Present

- Researched and summarized relevant bills, meetings, and proposals
- Assisted in writing Letters of Opposition and Support

Sierra College Learning Commons, Grass Valley — *Tutor*

August 2024 - Graduation

- Hired as a Teacher Assistant and tutor in various classes

Young Journalists of America — *Politics Staff Writer*

August 2024 - Present

- Researched and wrote accessible articles on policy, advocacy, and civic engagement for a youth audience
- Published work covering topics like harm reduction, social justice, and legislation from a teen perspective

EDGE Youth Leadership — *Camp Counselor and Program Committee Member*

June 2024 – Present

- Mentored high school students during leadership workshops focused on service, communication, and collaboration
- Helped plan a statewide leadership conference by organizing workshops, logistics, and outreach.

Current Events Club — *Co-president*

August 2023 - Present

- Researched and presented on current events such as the upcoming election, economic events, and international politics
- Led club discussions and debates around politics and present-day affairs

Skills

Event Planning & Promotion.

Public Speaking & Leadership Abilities.

Organization & Time Management.

Research & Writing.

Current Event & Political Literacy.

Proficiencies

Microsoft Office

- PowerPoint
- Word
- Excel
- Outlook

Google

- Docs
- Slides
- Sheets
- Canva