



Youth Parliament 2016

Application Form

Jonathan Young

MP – New Plymouth Electorate

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to be the New Plymouth Electorate representative for Youth Parliament 2016.

This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of a triennial event that gives young people the chance to understand and be involved in the Parliamentary process. It will be a significant opportunity for 121 young New Zealanders to gather the views of their peers and bring the youth voice to Parliament.

The next Youth Parliament will be held on 19 and 20 July 2016 at Parliament, however the successful applicant's tenure will be from 25th January to 25th July 2016.

I'm looking for a young person who is:

- aged 16 – 18 years old (inclusive) on 16 October 2015
- active in their community
- able to attend Youth Parliament on 19 and 20 July 2016 and commit to the Youth MP tenure, from 25 January to 25 July 2016 (training session will be offered at the beginning of this tenure)
- passionate about youth issues, politics and/or social change
- able to seek the views, opinions and ideas of their peers and represent them at Youth Parliament 2016
- prepared to work within the protocols and behavioral expectations of Youth Parliament 2016.

Please find attached the application form and selection process.

If you have any questions or require further information on the New Plymouth Electorate application process please contact my electorate office on: newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz or 06 7591363

To request additional resources or to find out more, contact the Ministry of Youth Development at beheard@youthparliament.govt.nz.

The deadline for the application to be submitted is **25th September 2015**

I look forward to receiving your application.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Young', with a large circular flourish on the left side.

Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth

Selection Process

Please read below for what is required to apply for the Youth Parliament New Plymouth Electorate 2016 position and application submission deadline.

STAGE 1

- **APPLICATION FORM & ESSAY or VIDEO**

1. **Complete the attached Application Form**
2. **Complete a 500 word essay or a 3 minute video** based on one of the topics below:
 - * On My Soapbox – The issues facing youth today
 - * It's all about the Leadership – If I were PM for a day...
 - * Taranaki why not..? What is so great about Taranaki and why should you represent this region

Submit the **Application Form and Essay or Video** to the New Plymouth Electorate office by:
5pm 25th September 2015. You may email, hand-deliver or post the application form.

Post: New Plymouth Electorate Office
PO Box 8064
New Plymouth

Email: newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

Office: Cnr Gill & Liardet Street
New Plymouth

STAGE 2

- **SHORTLIST – PANEL SELECTION EVENING**

By **Friday 2nd October** all applicants will be notified whether or not they were successful and moving into the final selection phase. Those successful applicants will be contacted to attend a panel selection evening on **Wednesday 7th October**.

Applicants will then deliver a 5 minute speech on a topic given to them prior to the evening. Successful applicants may bring along family and friends to support them at the final panel selection evening.

The applicant who will be selected as the Youth Member of Parliament will be announced at the Panel Selection evening.

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NEW PLYMOUTH ELECTORATE YOUTH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT 2016

APPLICATION FORM

Complete this form and send to the New Plymouth Electorate Office by:
5pm Friday 25th September 2015.

You may attach additional sheets if you wish.

Do you live in the New Plymouth Electorate?	Y / N
First Name(s):	
Last Name:	
Iwi:	
Date of Birth:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
E-mail:	
Address:	

**Describe why you should be selected to represent the New Plymouth Electorate as the Youth MP
(Approx. 200 words)**

**Describe what you currently do and the involvement you have in your local community.
(Approx. 200 words)**