

**Application Form****Profile**

***If you have any questions or difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at [aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov](mailto:aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov) or call 203-946-7670.***

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CT

State

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Postal Code

**What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?**☒ Ward 19

Mobile: (475) 313-3417

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**Are any of the above number a cell phone number?**☒ Yes ☐ No**If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?**

Yes

**Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?**☐ Yes ☒ No

Common Ground

Employer

Environmental Leadership  
Coordinator

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://newhaven-ct.granicus.com/boards/w/976a34cad711af7c/boards>

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Commission on Equal Opportunities: Submitted

Cultural Affairs Commission: Submitted

Youth Commission: Submitted

## Is this an appointment or reappointment request? \*

☒ Appointment

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## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

**Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.**

[Jesse\\_Campbell\\_Jr\\_Resume\\_Board\\_.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

**If not submitting a Resume or CV, please submit a ~150 word Statement of Interest as to why you are interested in serving on your selected boards/commissions. If you have uploaded a resume, you can write n/a.**

N/A

Question applies to Youth Commission, Peace Commission

**Are you under 18 or over 18? If under 18, please provide your DOB. If over 18, you can write n/a**

N/A

## Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I'm passionate about uplifting community voice—particularly among youth, artists, and historically marginalized communities. Serving on a board or commission is a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the cultural, social, and civic fabric of New Haven. I believe in creating equitable systems and platforms where all residents can thrive, and I want to help shape initiatives that reflect the city's vibrant diversity and shared future

## Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected board and commission(s)?

My experience spans youth empowerment, public programming, and equity-based service—directly aligning with the goals of the Youth Commission, the Commission on Equal Opportunities, and the Cultural Affairs Commission. As someone who has organized city-wide cultural events, mentored young leaders, and collaborated with public institutions, I bring lived experience, energy, and a commitment to inclusive policy-making. My background in both education and media gives me a unique lens to engage community voices creatively and effectively.

**Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in board/commission meetings? Meeting times can be found by visiting [newhavenct.gov/boards](http://newhavenct.gov/boards), but most are usually once a month for 1-2 hours.**

No.

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## Demographics

**Some boards and commissions require membership to be politically proportionate, per State Statute on minority party representation (CGS § 9-167a). What is your political affiliation on your voter registration?**

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Democrat

**In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

**Ethnicity**

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☒ African American

**Gender**

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☒ Male

**How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?**

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I learned about the opportunity through the City of New Haven's official website and community network. As someone actively engaged in local initiatives, I've also heard about the impact of these boards through colleagues, mentors, and civic events focused on youth, equity, and cultural enrichment.

# Jesse J. Campbell Jr.

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New Haven, CT | LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/jesse-campbell-jr](http://www.linkedin.com/in/jesse-campbell-jr)

## Summary

Civic-minded professional with a youth development, community engagement, and cultural programming background. Committed to advancing equity, promoting inclusive opportunity, and fostering creative expression across New Haven. Demonstrated leadership in educational, environmental, and public service settings strongly focused on empowering underrepresented voices and youth leadership.

## Experience

### **Environmental Leadership Coordinator**

Common Ground High School – New Haven, CT

Dates

- Coordinate student leadership and service initiatives focused on environmental justice and civic responsibility
- Lead school-wide cultural and educational events, including POWER Assemblies, community fairs, and youth empowerment programs
- Partner with local organizations to create opportunities for student voice and creative expression

### **Public Allies AmeriCorps Member**

New Haven, CT

Dates

- Served in a full-time capacity addressing social justice and educational equity
- Facilitated youth workshops, co-led student councils, and supported community partnerships
- Developed outreach strategies to elevate local youth perspectives in decision-making spaces

### **Administrative Assistant & Counselor in Training**

Boys & Girls Club of New Haven

Dates

- Supported youth development programming, particularly for underserved communities
- Assisted in planning cultural events and community engagement activities

## **Education**

Political Science & Media Communications (in progress)  
Full Sail University – Winter Park, Florida

## **Skills**

- Community Engagement & Youth Leadership
- Event & Program Planning
- Cultural Competency & DEI Facilitation
- Public Speaking & Communication
- Stakeholder Collaboration
- Social Media & Digital Storytelling

## **Affiliations**

- Public Allies Connecticut Alumnus
- Youth of the Year Finalist – Boys & Girls Club of America (CT)