

Application

Profile

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

Jameelah

First Name

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Initial

Irshad

Last Name

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Email Address

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Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06515

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

None Selected

Home: (410) 913-0362

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

Employer

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?

Cultural Affairs Commission: Submitted

Youth Commission: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Appointment

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.

[Jameelah_Irshad_Resume.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 OR you are seeking reappointment, 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

Over 18

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

I'm interested in serving on a commission because I want to make a greater difference in my community, as well as to get a deeper understanding of the governance that impacts my life and the lives of people in my community.

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

I would be a good fit for the Cultural Arts Commission because I have a passion for engaging and supporting various cultures. I enjoy being around people from diverse backgrounds, and I would love the opportunity to make a difference in the activities of their hometown. I would be a great fit for the Youth Commission because I am a youth and a student in New Haven, and I am familiar with some of the factors that affect us daily, which would allow me to bring a unique perspective.

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, but most are usually once a month for 1-2 hours.

No

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 (i.e Democrat, Republican, Unaffiliated, Independent, etc)?

Independent

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

☒ 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

☒ Other

Gender

☒ Female

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

Family Friend

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EDUCATION

Southern Connecticut State University

Bachelor of Science in International Business

Expected Graduation: May 2028

GPA: 3.5/4.0

EXPERIENCE

Sweet Mary's Bakery - Bakery Associate **December 2023 to Present**

- Cultivated positive customer relationships by proactively addressing inquiries and resolving concerns, resulting in consistently positive customer feedback.
- Efficiently processed high-volume customer orders, ensuring accuracy and timely delivery.
- Maintained a visually appealing and hygienic environment for customers and staff, adhering to strict sanitation rules.
- Managed product inventory, ensuring optimal stock levels and freshness.

New Haven Reads - Volunteer/Intern **September 2023 to Present**

- Provided individualized literacy instruction to students, fostering improved reading comprehension and fluency.
- Tracked and documented student progress, providing valuable feedback to educators.
- Gained valuable experience in educational support and community outreach.

College Bound BIPOC Student Alliance Leader **August 2023 to Present**

- Advocated for the needs and interests of BIPOC Student to increase the value of voice and respect.
- Networked with community leaders to create a space for BIPOC students.
- Gained valuable experience in community organizing, advocacy, and leadership development.

Alex Taubes Law Firm- Summer Law Intern **April 2024 to May 2024**

- Maintained and organized case files, ensuring efficient document retrieval.

- Communicated effectively with legal staff to gather information and provide administrative support.
- Gained experience in a legal office environment.

New Haven Climate Movement Intern

October 2023 to June 2024

- Implemented outreach strategies to increase community participation in climate change initiatives.
- Distributed engaging materials, including brochures and flyers, to the community.
- Participated in advocacy efforts to promote climate-conscious policies at the local level. Supported the 'GO BIG OR NO HOME' campaign by creating the flyers.
- Enhanced website visual appeal by optimizing image placement and standardizing typography contributing to improved user engagement.

SKILLS

Excellent Written and Verbal Communication

Problem Solving

Great at Teamwork and Collaboration

Social Media Management

Organizational Skills

HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AWARDS & INTERESTS

Honors: Honors Scholarship at Southern Connecticut State University.

Activities: Youth Board Member of the Ely Center of Contemporary Arts, Wabi Art Gallery Fellow.

Awards: Dean's List- Southern Connecticut State University, 2024, 2025.

Interests: Music, Social Media, Photography.