

**Position Title:** Member, Advocacy Policy Committee

**Location:** Duval County, Florida

**Term:** 6 months (April- October)

**Reports To:** Community Equity and Policy Manager

## **About 904WARD**

904WARD began in 2015 with a small group of friends who came together to talk openly, challenge each other, support each other, and take action together to build a more inclusive Jacksonville.

We are a diverse group made up of people committed to creating a community of inclusion for all of Jacksonville, FL's residents. We take pride in mobilizing thousands of volunteers every year to create racial healing and equity.

*An inclusive community begins with understanding each other better.*

### **Advocacy Policy Committee Purpose:**

The Advocacy Policy Committee is responsible for collaborating with 904WARD in evaluating, influencing, and advocating for policies that impact Duval County residents. As a member of this committee, you will engage in thoughtful, collaborative discussions, events, and make recommendations on critical policy matters. Your work will focus on shaping local legislation, ensuring effective communication with stakeholders, and driving community engagement to foster positive changes within Duval County, as they align with 904WARD's mission, vision, and advocacy agenda.

### **Who We're Looking For**

We are seeking **18–25-year-old and 26-42-year-old** constituents from diverse geographical areas in Jacksonville. In hopes of having committee members from each part of town, we ask that applicants report their designated city council and/or at-large district of where they reside.

### **Areas of Advocacy**

904WARD's Advocacy Agenda is focused on youth equity in the following areas:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion legislation
- Education- Censorship of diverse literature and course material
- Economic Justice- Tuition Equity laws for undocumented students

*Knowledge of these topics is beneficial, but not required.*

### **Key Responsibilities:**

#### **1. Policy Education, Advocacy, and Training:**

- o Self- exploration learning on key focus areas
- o Stay informed on the latest policy trends, legislative processes, and best practices for effective advocacy.
- o Participate in training or workshops related to public policy, advocacy, and committee responsibilities.

#### **2. Advocacy and Community Engagement:**

- o Represent the committee at public hearings, community meetings, and other advocacy events.

- o Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, including local government officials, community organizations, advocacy groups, and the public.
- o Advocate for policies that address the priorities and concerns of Duval County residents.
- o Seek out organic opportunities to engage the community.

**Committee Requirements**

1. Required in-person attendance at monthly committee meetings.
2. Host monthly gatherings within the respective community focused on advocacy topics or related material.
3. Data tracking and engagement via monthly reporting form.
4. Attempts to broaden reach and influence larger audience over time.
5. Photos of gatherings and continued learning opportunities.
6. Attendance at at least two 904WARD Wine Down Wednesday events.
7. Attendance at relevant public meetings (City Council + School Board) and willingness to make public comments when requested.

**Meeting Dates- Required**

Onboarding- Tuesday, April 22nd

Meeting 1- May 27th

Meeting 3- July 29th

Meeting 4- August 26th

Meeting 5- September 30th

Meeting 6- October 21st

\*Celebration- October 28th

**Qualifications:**

- Strong interest in public policy, community advocacy, and improving the quality of life for Duval County residents.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, with the ability to engage a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Knowledge of local government operations, legislative processes, and community-based issues is highly desirable.
- Ability to think critically, analyze complex issues, and make data-driven recommendations.
- Proven experience in advocacy, public service, or policy analysis is preferred but not required.
- Must be a resident of Duval County or have strong ties to the community.

**Compensation:**

Members will receive a \$300 honorarium on a monthly basis, contingent on performance and reporting.

**Application Process:**

Interested individuals can apply [here](#). Selected applicants may be interviewed by the 904WARD staff and board.