



Columbia Mayor's Youth Council

2022-2023

APPLICATION

Defining the CMYC

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Columbia is a growing city and greatly benefits from broadening opportunities for youth involvement at a local level. Through the Mayor's Youth Council, students in Columbia will grow to become the next leaders of our city, and their participation will create a foundation for expanding our population of informed high-school students. In addition, a council of student representatives will create an ideal avenue for local leaders to interact and learn from their constituents.

Vision

The Columbia Mayor's Youth Council will strive to foster leadership and community involvement among Columbia's diverse high-school population.

Objectives

The Columbia Mayor's Youth Council holds three main objectives:

1. Provide the City of Columbia, through its elected leadership and other city leaders, an opportunity to engage with future community leaders to gain better perspectives regarding youth issues, concerns, interests, and ideas.
2. Provide future community leaders an opportunity to have direct access and communication with city leaders, and allow for a student network that can meet to discuss issues important to this constituency, and to bring those issues to the forefront of city objectives.
3. Establish a network of student representatives from varying schools within Maury County that are to act as liaisons between the leadership of Columbia and the student body of that representative's respective home school.

Structure

Participation + Leadership

The CMYC will consist of students grades 9-12 throughout Maury County. After selection, the council will elect three student leadership positions. A City of Columbia employee will act as liaison to oversee the CMYC program of work. Commitment to the CMYC is a minimum duration of one school year.

Chair - Leads monthly meetings, creates agendas, coordinates large projects, communicates with the Mayor and other local officials, etc.

Vice Chair - Assistant to the President, helps coordinate large projects, communicates with community leaders, etc.

Secretary - Logs monthly meetings, communicates with all members of the CMYC, ensures the council and local officials stay informed, etc.

Demands

Members of the CMYC must be available for monthly meetings throughout the school year. Projects led by the CMYC will require work outside of these meetings, also, council members may be requested to attend special sessions regarding time-sensitive matters.

Location

The CMYC will meet for monthly meetings at Columbia City Hall, 700 N. Garden St., Columbia, TN 38401.

Meetings

The council will conduct meetings once a month. In addition, the Mayor, City Council, or City Liaison may call for a special session regarding time-sensitive issues (needed extra time for projects, community service, etc.) Regular council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions) and consist of educational speeches and interactive activities from various community leaders and open discussions involving issues and/or projects raised by the Mayor or City Council, whom may provide potential service projects/programs the CMYC could implement to build a

better Columbia. The CMYC will have the opportunity to also share recommendations and/or projects they wish to be initiated within the City and the ability to complete said projects. The CMYC members will have the opportunity to directly consult the City of Columbia Mayor about community service events or inquire about involvement in local government.

Columbia Mayor's Youth Council Schedule

*schedule is tentative to change/additional dates may be added

August 1, 2022	Applications Open
August 26, 2022	Applications Due
September 2, 2022	Applicants Selected and Notified
September 13, 2022 @ 4pm	Swearing-In + Orientation Meeting
October 11, 2022 @ 4pm	Standard Meeting
November 10, 2022 @ 5:30pm	Attend City Council Meeting
December 13, 2022 @ 4pm	Standard Meeting
January 10, 2023 @ 4pm	Standard Meeting
February 14, 2023 @ 4pm	Standard Meeting
March 14, 2023 @ 4pm	Standard Meeting
April 11, 2023 @ 4pm	Standard Meeting
May 11, 2023 @ 5:30 PM	City Council Meeting Award Service

Application

Eligibility

In order to participate in the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council, you must:

1. Be a current high school student in Maury County within grades 9-12
2. Be determined to make a difference in your community
3. Be able to commit to the CMYC for the duration of the school year
4. Attend monthly meetings
5. Participate in CMYC group activities and community projects

Requirements

Within the application, you will be required to provide the following materials in addition to contact information:

1. Documented high school transcript including unweighted GPA
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Personal statement
4. Letter of recommendation (Example - teacher, principal, employer, local official, guidance counselor, coach, etc.)
5. Additional references

The Application Process

Applications can be found at the end of this document or through your school's guidance office. Once completed, applications are to be emailed to the City CMYC liaison, Ms. Jacey Bomar. Emails are to be titled "ATTN: Columbia Mayor's Youth Council Application" and are to be sent to jbomar@columbiatn.com. Applications may also be mailed to City Hall. The address line is to be "Jacey Bomar; ATTN: Columbia Mayor's Youth Council Application; 700 N. Garden St; Columbia, TN 38401".

Applications are due August 26, 2022. Students in consideration for the youth council may be contacted via email for a live interview. Selected applicants will be notified of acceptance via email on **September 2, 2022.**

Columbia Mayor's Youth Council Application Form

Applications must be completed in full. Please include a current high school transcript that includes unweighted GPA. Please complete the application in either black or blue ink.

Student Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade (2022-2023): _____

Home Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Academic Records

1. Please list any extracurricular activities in which you have participated in the past or will participate in during the 2022-2023 school year.

2. Please list any leadership positions you hold or have held within your school or community.

Personal Statement

1. In your opinion, what is the largest issue facing the youth population in Columbia today?

2. What is one service project that you would like to implement as a member of the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council?

3. What do you hope to gain and provide as a result of your participation in the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council?

References

With this application, please include a letter of recommendation from a non-family adult who can testify to your leadership skills and drive for change. This can be a teacher, principal, employer, local official, guidance counselor, or coach who is familiar with your character, work ethic, and determination. Along with this letter, please list two additional references below. These references may be contacted for further applicant information.

1. Name _____ **Phone** _____

2. Name _____ **Phone** _____

CMYC Parental Consent Form

I give my permission for _____ to be involved in the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council program.

I, the undersigned Parent/Legal Guardian of the above named student (hereinafter referred to as "Member"), hereby consent and give my permission for the following:

1. The Member has my consent and permission to participate as a member of the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council in all Columbia Mayor's Youth Council activities, which may also include activities held at other locations.
2. On behalf of the Member and myself, I acknowledge that the Member will be participating at his/her own risk and I, on his/her and my own behalf, hereby release, discharge and indemnify the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council and the City of Columbia from all liability for injury to person or damage to property of myself and Member arising out of participation in, and transportation associated with, the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council and the City of Columbia.
3. In permitting the Member to participate, I am specifically granting permission to the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council and the City of Columbia to use the likeness, voice, and words of the Member in television, radio, video, social media, newspapers, magazines, and other media, and in any form not heretofore described, for the purpose of promoting or communicating the purposes and activities of the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council.

4. If I am not personally at Columbia Mayor's Youth Council activities in which the Member is participating, so as to be consulted in case of necessity, you are authorized on my behalf and at my account to take such measures to arrange for such medical and hospital treatment as you may deem advisable for the health and well-being of the Member.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____