



Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

"Every day, in local arenas all the way to the White House, adults sit around and decide what problems youth have and what youth need, without ever consulting us."

- Jason Warren, New York City Youth Force

The **purpose** of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is to give young people the tools, training, and trust to apply their creativity and energy to effect change in their own lives and in the future of their neighborhoods, communities, cities, and states.

Are you interested in having your voice heard in local government? If so, the Troy Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is the place for you. MYAC members participate in leadership activities, community service projects, and social events designed to help shape the Troy youth community. MYAC provides participants with the necessary skills, experience, and confidence to succeed and exceed in the future.

"You are the leaders of our future. You have the power to bring about positive change in this community right now. Our city, state, nation, and the world will need strong leaders. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is an opportunity for you to make good things happen today. How will you make this community better? What will be your contribution? I look forward to working with you in this important role." Mayor Corr

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Application Form

Applicants MUST be entering grades 9 through 12.

Please print clearly. **All** information must be completed in order to be considered for the MYAC.

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) and Phone Number(s):

How did you learn about the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)?

Please tell us a little about you. List activities in which you are involved, including employment, sports, community, school, service, etc.

What do you view as the most critical issue facing youth in Troy and how should the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council address that issue?

Describe why you should be selected to be an Advisory Council member and what you hope to accomplish for other youth that you represent.

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What are the two most important issues to you, your friends, and your family concerning your community?

1.

2.

If you could bring one thing to this city or change one thing, what would it be?

Define leadership. What leadership opportunities have you had in the past?

After graduating from high school, what are your academic and/or career goals?

Are you willing to commit to attending meetings, events, and activities of the Youth Advisory Council for one year and commit to making a difference in our city? *(Mark your choice)*

Yes No

Please list one adult reference (non-relative) and ask them to complete and submit the attached Recommendation Form.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

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Student Participation and Attendance Commitment

I have read and understand the commitment required for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. I also realize the importance of teamwork and cooperation and I am willing to make this commitment.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgment

I understand that my child is pursuing involvement in the City of Troy's MYAC and has my full permission and consent to participate in all related activities.

I am aware of the attendance requirements for my child. I am aware my child must submit the completed application and one signed Recommendation Form from a high school teacher or official to the City of Troy

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

By signing this application, you agree to allow the use of your child's photograph and release of the above information for promotional purposes of the program (as required by the Public Information Act).

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Qualifications for Membership

The following pages are for you to keep.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must live within the City of Troy's school district.
- Grades 9 – 12 for the school year in which appointed.

Additional Application Requirements:

- Submittal of completed Application Form.
- Submittal of Student and Parent Acknowledgement Form.
- Submittal of Recommendation Form.

Application Instructions

1. Complete the entire MYAC application, including the Student Participation Commitment and Parental Acknowledgment Forms and Recommendation Form. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.
2. Submit the completed application to the City of Troy by one of the following methods:
 - a. E-mail: troycityhall@trovidaho.net
 - b. Drop off: Troy City Hall, 519 S. Main Street, Troy, ID 83871
 - c. Mail in: City of Troy, PO Box 595, Troy, ID 83871
 - d. Fax: Attn: MYAC 208-835-2743
3. After the applications have been processed, select students will participate in small group interview sessions at which time students' interest in local government and ability to fully participate in the program will be evaluated. It is anticipated that students selected for interviews will be notified by phone.
4. If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Moyer at 208-835-2741 or troycityhall@trovidaho.net

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Student Participation Agreement

Meeting Information

Members are expected to commit to attending all of the monthly MYAC meetings and participate in community opportunities and projects. The meetings will focus on enhancing your leadership skills and knowledge of local government, as well as any assigned tasks.

Meetings are scheduled to begin January 2023 (Time, Dates, and Location to be determined).

The calendar details will be finalized based on what the MYAC team wants to accomplish. Some of the highlights we have planned are:

- MYAC Team Building Day
- Service Activity
- Leadership Training
- Council Meeting
- Interview Training
- Troy Days

Project & Activity Ideas for Youth Councils

- Create a “shop squad” to pick up groceries or medicine for the elderly or disabled.
- Host a 5K run to support a charity.
- Help with local events such as parades or festivals.
- Establish a “buddy program” to hang out with youth who have special needs.
- Promote voting among youth.
- Create videos about your city, government, staff, etc.
- Hold workshops on mental health awareness, drug, and alcohol abuse prevention, suicide prevention, bullying, or other problems facing teens.
- Make gifts for kids in the hospital. (Examples: Distribute valentines, Halloween candy, or holiday toys.)

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Importance of Attendance

Attendance at monthly MYAC meetings is critical to the success of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and to ensure that each meeting has a reflective representation of the teen community in Troy. Because enrollment is limited, attendance becomes even more important. Due to the importance of attendance, members are asked to sign a commitment form, acknowledging the following:

- *Failure to attend and participate in meetings and events without notice in advance may result in immediate dismissal from MYAC.*
- *School activities are acceptable absence excuses. Members are required to notify the Secretary and inform of absence due to school activity. Failure to notify will result in an unexcused absence.*
- *Family emergencies are acceptable absence excuses, but verification by a parent may be requested.*
- *Maximum of three absences will be allowed before your membership in MYAC may be re-evaluated.*

Commitment

I promise to:

- Be a caring citizen, always looking out for and supporting others.
- Respect and listen to those in authority.
- Be considerate of the environment and the property of others.
- Be respectful in my behavior and attitude by not being disorderly, disruptive, or using inappropriate language.
- Choose not to engage in behaviors or acts harmful or offensive to others or myself.
- Always be brave, steadfast, and stand up for and speak up for what is right.

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Teacher Recommendation Form

Please **submit your recommendation electronically to the following email:** troycityhall@troyidaho.net. You can access an electronic version of this form at www.TroyIdaho.net, under the **MYAC** tab. Be sure to save the document and attach it to your e-mail.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) consists of high school students residing within the City of Troy's school district. MYAC members organize events, serve as liaisons to the Mayor and Troy City Council, and receive leadership training. MYAC members are required to attend monthly meetings as well as 1 City council meeting a year. We are looking for dedicated, hard-working, and active youth to fill this opportunity.

Applicant Name: _____

Your Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Subject Taught: _____

In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant? _____

What would you consider to be the applicant's strengths?

How reliable is the applicant?

Give an example of how this candidate takes initiative and their leadership skills:

Discuss the applicant's ability to communicate effectively with others (peers, adults).

List any special considerations for this candidate:

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this recommendation form.