



City of Clarksville Mayor's Youth Council

The City of Clarksville's Mayor's Youth Council is a group of young people working toward the common purpose of developing their individual leadership skills to strengthen their community through volunteer service and increased communication with elected officials.

Youth develop and lead initiatives with the support of adult mentors. The Mayor's Youth Council is more than just a service club because members also train and involve their peers in service leadership. They also provide valuable insight on issues affecting youth and the community.

What do Mayor's Youth Councils do?

- Raise youth related issues with elected officials
- Meet with city officials and learn what they do
- Provide training for peers
- Practice public speaking and problem solving
- Recruit volunteers for service projects
- Participate in youth forums

What does the organization look like?

- Made up of 15-30 members
- Members must be in 9th-12th grades; Members must be at least 14 years of age and no older than 19.
- Members meet monthly and serve a one academic year term.
- Organization activities are coordinated through the City of Clarksville.
- Prospective members apply in spring and members are confirmed over summer break.
- Term coincides with Clarksville-Montgomery County School System's academic year (August-May).
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How do I join?

Applications are available for download at www.clarksvillemyc.com or you may call (931) 645-7476 and request to have an application mailed to your home.

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor's Youth Council members are expected to attend all scheduled monthly meetings, typically held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Members are expected to attend called committee meetings and actively participate in all social and service activities planned by the Mayor's Youth Council. All meetings are held from 6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. Special sessions and activities meetings will be posted at www.clarksvillemyc.com.

Youth Council members participating in school activities or who are sick are allowed to miss up to 3 meetings during a term, however if more than 3 meetings are missed you must have a doctor's note to return to the group. Members will automatically be dismissed for excessive absences (4 or more).

CITY COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Each Youth Council Member is encouraged to attend at least one City Council meeting during the term. This will provide the members an opportunity to see how decisions are made on behalf of the City and provide a better understanding of how issues affect the operation of city government. City Council Meetings are held in two sessions each month: Executive Sessions (non-voting session held on the last Thursday of each month) and Voting Sessions (held on the first Thursday of each month).

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL TEEN SUMMIT/FORUM

The Mayor's Youth Council Teen Summit/Forum is an outreach effort for MYC members to introduce their peers to the operation of city government and provides an opportunity for teens to interact with the city's elected officials on issues affecting teens. Each high school has the opportunity to select up to two (2) students to attend the summit during a school day and receive school attendance credit for having attended the event. The Mayor's Youth Council Teen Summit will be held in the spring, and a Forum with the City's elected officials will conclude the Teen Summit (Mayor and City Council's schedules permitting).

COMMUNICATIONS

MYC members are responsible for reading their communications via emails and website, and to respond accordingly. If you do not have an email address, you may list a parent's email address and have them print your communications. However it is still the member's responsibility to get all communications related to the Mayor's Youth Council. ***Members understand regardless of whether they receive email reminders for meetings or scheduled events, they are expected to attend.***

Website: www.clarksvillemyc.com



**CLARKSVILLE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL
APPLICATION & INFORMATION SHEET**

The Mayor's Youth Council is accepting applications from students in grades 9-12 in Montgomery County. Youth Council members will serve for a period of one academic year term. Returning Youth Council members are required to reapply each year. Once accepted, the student will receive an information packet through the mail.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Parents Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Email Address: _____

School Activities:

Hobbies/Interests:

Describe your interest in City Government:

Please submit a 100-word essay with your application covering the topic: *Why I want to be a community leader.* Please mail or fax (931-553-2432) to:

**Clarksville Mayor's Youth Council
102 Public Square
Clarksville, Tennessee, 37040
Applications must be received no later than May 12, 2009.**