
Columbia Mayor's Youth Council

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Defining the CMYC

Columbia Mayor's Youth Council

Columbia is a growing city and can greatly benefit 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 politicians to interact and learn from their constituents.

Vision

The CMYC for Columbia, TN will strive to foster leadership and community involvement among Columbia's diverse high-school population.

Objectives

The Mayor's Youth Council for Columbia, TN 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 up to 12 members selected by a panel of local officials, including Mayor Molder. 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. After being accepted into the program, students will have the opportunity to serve as a council member until graduation if they choose, however, commitment to the CMYC is a minimum duration of one school year.

Chair - Leads monthly meetings, creates agendas, coordinates large projects, communicates with Mayor Molder 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 as well as a bi-monthly Coffee with the Mayor. 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 and bi-monthly Coffee with the Mayor at City Hall, 700 N. Garden St., Columbia, TN 38401.

Meetings

The council will conduct normal meetings once a month and host a Coffee with the Mayor once every two months, both beginning in September. In addition, Mayor Molder or City Council may call for a special session regarding time-sensitive issues. Regular council meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month and consist of open discussion involving issues raised by Mayor Molder or City Council, recommendations

provided by council members' constituents, and deliberation between the council members regarding potential service projects/programs the CMYC could implement to build a better Columbia. Coffee with the Mayor will be held on the third Tuesday of every other month and will allow for youth council members to directly consult Columbia Mayor Chaz Molder about community service events or inquire about involvement in local government.

Columbia Mayor's Youth Council Schedule

June 1st, 2021	Applications Open
August 2nd, 2021	First Day of School
August 13th, 2021	Applications Due
August 27th, 2021	Applicants Selected and Notified
September 7th, 2021	First Meeting + Swearing-In
September 21st, 2021	Coffee with the Mayor
October 5th, 2021	Standard Meeting
November 2nd, 2021	Standard Meeting
November 16th, 2021	Coffee with the Mayor
December 7th, 2021	Standard Meeting
January 4th, 2022	Standard Meeting
January 18th, 2022	Coffee with the Mayor
February 1st, 2022	Standard Meeting
March 1st, 2022	Standard Meeting
March 15th, 2022	Coffee with the Mayor
April 5th, 2022	Standard Meeting
April 19th, 2022	Final Meeting + Commencement

Application

Eligibility

In order to participate in the Mayor's Youth Council for Columbia, TN, 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 and a bi-monthly Coffee with the Mayor
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 from a teacher, principal, employer, local official, guidance counselor, or coach
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 liaison to the CMYC, 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 13, 2021. 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 August 27, 2021.

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 (2021-2022): _____

Home Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Academic Records

1. Please list any extracurricular activities in which you will participate during the 2021-2022 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. That Member has my consent and permission to participate as a member of the Columbia Mayor's Youth Council.
2. That Member has my consent and permission to participate in all Columbia Mayor's Youth Council activities, which may also include activities held at other locations.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 _____