CITY OF GREENFIELD
YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

Do you have an opinion about how your city makes decisions that affect you and your friends? Do you want to be part of representing Greenfield's youth at City Hall?

Checklist:

Read and Understand the Requirements and Expectaions
Submit completed application
Submit questionnaire
Recommendation Letter from teacher or other adult not related to you
Signatures from Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

For Questions Contact:
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We believe that the imagination, ideals, and energy of young people are vital for the continuing development of Greenfield. The mission of the City of Greenfield Youth Council is to train and empower young leaders to be future leaders. To help develop and cultivate effective leadership skills and knowledge, to promote the meaningful participation and engagement of young people in policy making and implementation. The Youth Council will focus on topics that are geared to meet the needs of youth in the community of Greenfield and explore ways and means of promoting youth development and engagement.

WHAT WILL YOUTH COUNCIL DO?

1) Promote community involvement with, for and by youth.
2) Choose how to use Youth Council budget, must have a plan and reason for spending that will benefit Greenfield youth.
3) Engage in the review process and make formal recommendations on programs, projects and community events that pertain to youth to the appropriate entity (City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, and more when appropriate).
4) Assist in the evaluation and planning recreation and programs with an emphasis on youth.
5) Invite and partner with programs that will bring activities that meet youth needs to the extent possible
6) Review and make recommendations on matters pertaining to youth programs and projects sent by the Planning Commission, City Council and city staff. The Youth Council will make formal recommendations or request to be part of projects the Youth Council believes it should be involved in.
7) Promote youth involvement in community events or volunteer projects.
8) Act in advisory capacity to the City Council and Staff that pertain to Greenfield Youth
9) Act as representative of the city

ROLES:

There will be two main roles that will make up the Youth Council, Youth Commissioner and Council Member. Council will consist of: 9 Members: (2 commissioners and 7 council members) - Grades ranging 9-12

Term length: will coincide with the school year, August-June. New applicants can apply in between April and May before the next school year starts. Commissioner terms will be similar, however, they will also include the summer training (June and July.) All positions will be picked by the YC advisor, and other city staff.

Youth Commissioner: 30-hour summer paid training program. Commissioners will gain knowledge about city government and develop skills necessary to lead, recruit and train Youth Council members. Commissioners will also interview the Greenfield Mayor and other City Councilmembers, the City Manager and the director of each department to gain valuable leadership skills and gain some insight on current projects and issues facing the city.

Youth Council Members: This is a truly special role. With a starting budget of $5,000 Youth Council members will work alongside commissioners. They will choose projects based on peer feedback and decide how funds are used (ex. Fundraisers for youth programs, bring music festivals, advocate for projects that will benefit peers, etc). Council members will be trained by council advisor and youth commissioner and will gain valuable work and leadership skills. The Youth Council as a whole will be the voice and advocates of Greenfield youth.

Expectations:

- Youth council will meet 2 times per month (DATES TBD)
- Develop presentations as needed, advocate and make recommendations on key issues, policies and programs that affect youth.
- Attendance at assigned city council meeting.
- Promote activities planned by youth council.
- Attend welcome orientation (date TBD will be determined by commissioners)

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Greenfield Youth Council. Please take a moment to review the expectations and guidelines for youth commissioners and youth council members. To ensure your success and the success of this new youth council, it is important to make sure you are willing and able to perform the duties that will be expected.

This youth council will be a valuable component to the City of Greenfield. Since it is a new project that the city staff are taking on, we are ready and excited for you to be involved in city government. As a potential member you'll be engaging with city staff and the city's governing boards to express any and all feedback gathered. You'll work collaboratively with other members and groups to come up with service projects and work to bring permanent solutions that could benefit the community. The Youth Council will meet with City Council to give reports and suggest proposals. You will spend up to (TBD) hours a week working and planning with your fellow members and the Youth Council advisor.

Application

Applicant Name:_____ School:_____

Address:_____ Zip:_____ Greenfield resident since:_____
Phone:_____Parent/Guardian Phone:_____ Email:_____

Do you prefer: ___Text ___Call ___ Email

Date of Birth:_____ Age:_____Grade:_____

List extra curricular activities:

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List volunteer work that you participated in:

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I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and I have made every attempt to answer all questions truthfully to the fullest extent possible. I acknowledge that false statements or misrepresentations on this application will be cause for refusal of placement at any time during my placement. I have reviewed the application packet and understand the requirements and expectations. I understand that if I am chosen for a paid position (youth commissioner) this pay will be dependent on my meeting the expectations. I also understand that if I am chosen for a paid or non-paid position (council member) this will not imply or promise future employment. I also understand that this position means that I will represent the City of Greenfield and my actions and conduct outside of the youth council can affect my ability to remain in this position.

Signature of Applicant:_____Date_____

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and the student applicant has made every attempt to answer all questions truthfully to the fullest extent possible. I acknowledge that false statements or misrepresentations on this application will be cause for refusal of placement at any time during the student applicant's placement. I have reviewed the application packet and understand the requirements and expectations. I understand that if the student applicant is chosen for a paid position (youth commissioner) this pay will be dependent on the student applicant meeting the expectations. I also understand that if I am chosen for a paid or non-paid position (council member) this will not imply or promise future employment. I also understand that this position means that I will represent the City of Greenfield and my actions and conduct outside of the youth council can affect my ability to remain in this position.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:_____ Date_____

2023-2024 Application Questionnaire

If you need extra space to answer questions, please use a separate page and attach.

1. Why do you want to serve on the Greenfield Youth Council?

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2. In your own words why do you think a youth council is effective in the city?

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3. Many youths say they need more job opportunities and job training. What else would you address if you're part of the youth council and why?

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4. What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What skills / experiences would you bring to the youth council?

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5. Interests / anything else you would like to share about yourself?

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6. Using the following characteristics, please rank yourself on a scale of 1-5, with "5" being the highest:

Good communicator_____

Open minded/visionary_____

Works well with others_____

Responsible and able to follow through on commitments (Doesn't make excuses)_____

Organized_____

Outgoing_____

Confident_____

Respectful_____

Able to manage time_____ Other_____