

2024 - 2025 YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION



Empowering Today's Youth to Lead Tomorrow



WELCOME



The Union City Youth Council is a rigorous leadership program designed to help empower today's youth to lead tomorrow! Youth Councilmembers will tackle the pressing issues affecting young people by engaging with applicable government regulations, policies, and laws. Youth Councilmembers, often called "YC's," will learn how local government addresses these challenges, suggest effective solutions, and, most importantly, drive impactful change.

For consideration, students must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Union City
- Must be in the 9th -12th grade during the 2024-2025 academic year
- Must submit a completed application, a statement of interest, a two-page essay, and two teacher recommendations

Applications are due by Friday, November 8, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Municipal Clerk/YC Coordinator at: D.J. Terry, II dterry@unioncityga.org

Please submit your application via hand delivery to 5047 Union St. Union City GA, 30291 or via email



The Union City Youth Council is looking for high school students to...

- Shape and impact new policies and laws
- Collaborate with local and state elected officials
- Represent the interests of all Union City youth
- Provide insights to local government on youth challenges and concerns
- Coordinate community activities and engage in volunteer efforts



2024 - 2025 YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION PACKET

EXPECTATIONS

- Be prompt, prepared, and dress appropriately
- Contribute and present ideas
- Treat and interact with others in a respectful manner
- Desire to learn about and apply leadership skills
- Willingness to serve and lead alongside fellow YLC members
- Accountability in holding YLC shared leadership values
- Attend and participate in monthly meetings and events
- Willingness to voice and honor the needs of fellow YLC members



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Name you prefer to be called: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Best way to reach you: Call: _____ Text: _____ Email: _____ All: _____

Shirt Size: SM _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

Name of School: _____

Grade Level: 9th _____

10th _____ 11th _____ 12th _____ GPA: _____

List of Current Extracurricular Activities:

Activity 1: _____

Activity 2: _____

Activity 3: _____



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LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Describe any previous leadership roles or experiences:

Describe any community service or volunteer work you have been involved in:

MOTIVATION AND GOALS

Why do you want to join the Union City Youth Council?

What specific issues or areas are you passionate about addressing through the Youth Council?



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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Describe a time when you successfully worked as part of a team. What was your role, and what was the outcome?

How do you handle challenges or conflicts when working on a group project? Provide an example.

How would you advocate for the needs and interests of your peers while serving on the Youth Council?



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AVAILABILITY

Are you able to attend one monthly meeting, one monthly service project, and participate in council events?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If No, please explain availability constraints: _____

REFERENCES

Please provide the name and contact information for the two teachers completing your references

REFERENCE #1

Full Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

REFERENCE #2

Full Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



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APPLICANT STATEMENT

I acknowledge that by applying for membership in the Union City Youth Council (YC), I understand that the selection process will include an interview conducted by the appointing authority. I am aware that meeting the Youth Council's established criteria, adhering to its expectations, and fulfilling attendance requirements are essential components of the application process. I commit to upholding and complying with all rules and regulations set forth by the Youth Council throughout my tenure as a member. I affirm that all information and statements provided in this application are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification from consideration or dismissal from the Council.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name (Please Print)

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I wholeheartedly support their involvement and commitment to the Union City Youth Council (YC). I understand the importance of their active participation and dedication to the Council's activities and goals. I affirm my support for their engagement in UCYC and acknowledge that their commitment will contribute to their personal growth and the success of the Youth Council. I am confident in their ability to fulfill their responsibilities and contribute positively to the Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)



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APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

Please submit your completed application by Friday, November 8, 2024, no later than 11:59 p.m. Applications may be delivered in person to 5047 Union Street, Union City, GA 30291, sent via U.S. Postal Service (postmarked by November 8, 2024 and received by November 11, 2024), or submitted via email to dterry@unioncityga.org. Please ensure that all sections of the application are fully completed, as incomplete or partially completed submissions will not be considered.

PROCEDURES FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

- The Youth Council Advisory Committee will review applications and conduct interviews with shortlisted candidates. Successful candidates will be announced and notifications will be displayed on the City's Public Notice board at City Hall (5047 Union Street), on the City's website, and through all digital communication channels.
- Youth Council members must also attend mandatory monthly meetings starting on November 14, 2024, and continuing on the second Thursday of each subsequent month. The dates listed here are non-negotiable and Youth Council members must attend for the entire duration of each event or they will be removed from the Council.



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MEDIA RELEASE

The City of Union City has my permission to use my or my child's photograph publicly to promote the City. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature (If Applicant is under 18 yrs old)

Date

ParentGuardian Name (Please Print)

ACADEMIC OFFICIAL STATEMENT

I confirm that the applicant has a minimum 2.5 GPA and has the ability to serve on Union City's Youth Leadership Council.

Signature of School Official

Date

Name and Title of School Official (Please Print)



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SCENARIO-BASED TWO PAGE ESSAY PROMPT

Prompt: Union City is currently facing a challenge with low youth engagement in its year-round activities. Given Union City's status as one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation, Mayor Vince Williams is committed to ensuring comprehensive participation across all age groups in the city's events. As a member of the Youth Council, you are responsible for developing and implementing strategies to increase peer engagement in future events.

Essay Question: Develop a project aimed at increasing peer engagement in future events. Outline the project's objective, the strategies you would use to plan and implement it. Additionally, describe how you would measure the project's success and address any potential challenges.

In your essay, be sure to address the following:

Project Objectives:

- Please clearly define the primary objectives of the project, such as enhancing peer engagement, increasing event awareness, or introducing new strategies to boost community involvement.
- Outline how these objectives will contribute to increased youth participation in future events.

Planning and Implementation:

- Detail the key components of the project, such as public awareness, safety concerns, or collaborations with surrounding cities youth.
- Outline the steps you would take to develop and execute the project, including a timeline, budget considerations, and roles for team members.

Community Engagement:

- Describe how you plan to engage community members, including youth, police officers, and adults, in the project.
- Discuss strategies for outreach and engagement, such as public forums, surveys, or partnerships with local organizations and schools.



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SCENARIO-BASED TWO PAGE ESSAY PROMPT (CONT.)

Evaluation and Impact Measurement:

- Explain how you would evaluate the effectiveness of the project, utilizing metrics such as youth attendance and feedback from community members.
- Identify key indicators of success, such as heightened awareness or increased community involvement.

Challenges and Solutions:

- Anticipate potential challenges, such as limited awareness or low interest in attending community event.
- Propose solutions or contingency plans to overcome these challenges and ensure the project's successful implementation.

Your essay should be no longer than two pages, single-spaced, and should demonstrate your ability to design an effective project centered on youth, actively engage the community, and address issues that impact young people comprehensively.

Questions or Concerns?

For more information about the Union City Youth Council or to request an application, please contact D.J. Terry II, Municipal Clerk and Youth Council Coordinator, at 770-515-7804 or via email at dterry@unioncityga.org.



ELECTED OFFICIALS

Vince R. Williams, Mayor
Brian K. Jones, Mayor Pro Tem
Dr. Christina Hobbs, Councilmember
Angelette Mealing, Councilmember
Dr. Lawanna Owens-Twaites, Councilmember

*Take Action! Lead with Purpose! Be the Change! Make
an Impact! Empower Your Community!*

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