

Application for Rockwall Youth Advisory Council

Drop off or Mail to: Rockwall City Hall,
Attn: City Secretary 385 S. Goliad Rockwall, TX 75087

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you a resident of Rockwall County?
 YES NO

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Club & Activity involvement: _____

Briefly state why you're interested in YAC:

Participation requirements are an essential part of the YAC program. Are you willing to commit the time & effort required?
 YES NO

Please submit at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, principal or adult family friend.



Rockwall ISD Liaisons:

- Ray Harton, RHS Asst. Principal
 - Eric Steinmiller, RHS Fine Arts
- City of Rockwall Liaison:**
Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary



Note: Also open to private school and home school students



City of Rockwall Youth Advisory Council

City of Rockwall
City Secretary's Office
385 S. Goliad
(972) 772-6409

What is the Rockwall Youth Advisory Council?

Mission

The purpose of the Rockwall Youth Advisory Council is to encourage participation by local youth in municipal government. The YAC takes initiatives directed toward effective change that benefits local youth and provides positive community impact through organized participation in various city sponsored activities and events.



Members of YAC work on a community service project at the annual statewide YAC Summit

"I'm glad that there's a way to help my community with the youth in mind. We're the youth's voice in city government."

- Rachel Hall, 2004-05 YAC



YAC Activities...

- ◆ Promote youth participation in local government
- ◆ Periodically attend Council and other Boards or Commissions meetings
- ◆ Conduct a youth town hall meeting at least annually to receive input from youth on particular issues
- ◆ Make recommendations to City Council relative to youth issues, programs and activities
- ◆ "Shadow" City Council, Board and/or Commission members to gain understanding of policy decision-making and service to citizens
- ◆ Participate in city sponsored activities and events
- ◆ Visit Rockwall Municipal Court to better understand the local court system
- ◆ Participate in fundraising related to YAC project
- ◆ Attend annual statewide YAC Summit
- ◆ Assist with annual recruitment of YAC members

"I have a genuine interest in politics, history and government which is the primary reason that I joined YAC."

- John Vuckovic, 2007-08 YAC

"Being a member of YAC has been an amazing experience, and I would highly recommend it to anyone interested!"

- Marisa Olind, 2007-08 YAC

What Commitment is Required of YAC members?

The Rockwall YAC meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockwall City Council Chambers from September through May. Participants are expected to attend all monthly YAC meetings as well as a City Council Meeting, a municipal court session and at least one other Board or Commission meeting throughout the year. Members will also participate in one weekend trip to attend the annual statewide YAC Summit. Members will complete a Council assigned project each year and be involved in fundraising associated with this project. YAC members are eligible to receive community service hours when volunteering their time at a city sponsored, fundraising, community service or non-profit event. YAC will host one youth town hall meeting each year to hear feedback from youth in the community. Each year YAC members hold one social event such as a holiday party, night at the bowling alley or informal dinner.

What are the Benefits of serving on the Rockwall YAC ?

Opportunity to impact issues affecting today's youth

Leadership development & growth

Sense of pride from serving the community

Increased knowledge of local government

Peer networking

Chance to develop public speaking skills

Free food from time-to-time! 😊 (Yum!)

How do I Apply to Serve?

Fill out the form on the back side of this panel and return it to Rockwall City Hall. You may also fill out and submit an application on-line at www.rockwall.com/YouthCouncil/index.asp. Applications may be accepted towards the end and beginning of each school year. Please call the City Secretary for information on specific application deadlines. Be sure to include at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, principal, or adult family friend with your application.