



Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Application Form Class of 2009 – 2010

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For the Class of 2010, MYAC is looking for a diverse group of teens wanting to have a positive effect on the community and which is geographically representative of Sugar Land.



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Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Mission Statement

To empower youth from various backgrounds to become active members in the community by providing a youthful point of view to further the progress of and have an everlasting effect on the community and local government.

Application Instructions

- ALL applicants must fill out the "Applicant Information" form on page 2.
- Please choose the appropriate category of membership for which to apply based upon the eligibility requirements below and fill out the corresponding section.
- Incomplete or ineligible applications will not be considered.
- After the applications have been processed, select students will participate in an interview session that will be conducted in a small group setting of five to ten students. It is anticipated that students selected for interviews will be notified electronically the week of September 8, with interviews being held the week of September 15.

Qualifications for Membership

Full Members:

- High School Student-Resident
 - *City Resident (in Corporate City Limits), May Attend High School Elsewhere*
 - *Student-Residents in River Park will be considered for full membership, as they become Sugar Land residents on December 1, 2009.*
- Signed Full Member Attendance Commitment Form

E-Members

- High School Student-Resident
 - *City or ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) Resident*
 - *May Attend High School Elsewhere*

Alumni Members

- Previous Membership & Participation as a Full or E-Member
- High School Student-Resident
 - *City or ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) Resident*
 - *May Attend High School Elsewhere*



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

(ALL Applicants MUST Fill Out; Please Print.)

Name (last, first): _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address, if Different: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Sex (M / F): _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School Attending: _____

High School Grade this Fall (Freshman, Senior, etc.): _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

E-mail Address of Parent or Guardian: _____

All applications must be submitted in one of the following ways:

U.S. Postal Mail:
City of Sugar Land
Attn: Office of the Mayor
P.O. Box 110
Sugar Land, Texas 77487-0110

Drop-Off:
City Hall
2700 Town Center Blvd. N.
Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Facsimile:
Attn: MYAC
281-275-2721

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Alumni Member Application

Alumni membership is open to all previous MYAC members who wish to continue serving through facilitation of current year events and participation in service opportunities.

Student Participation Commitment

Must be signed in order to participate.

Participation is essential for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to meet its objectives. By signing, I agree to continue my service through the facilitation of current year events and participation in service opportunities. As such, I understand that e-mail is a vital form of communication for the MYAC, and I am acknowledging responsibility for regularly checking and responding to MYAC related emails.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____

Parental Acknowledgment and Release and Indemnity Clause

Must be signed in order to participate.

I understand that my child is pursuing involvement in the City of Sugar Land's Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and has my full permission and consent to participate in all related activities.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____

By signing this application you agree to allow the use of your child's photograph and release of the above information for promotional purposes of the program (as required by the Public Information Act).



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E-Member Application

E-Membership is for students who cannot commit to attending all of the monthly meetings but still want to stay involved through electronic communications. E-Members are invited to participate in all service opportunities and must complete at least two volunteer events.

Student Participation Commitment

Must be signed in order to participate.

Participation is essential for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to meet its objectives. By signing, I agree to commit by providing input through the regular electronic communications and by participating in at least two service opportunities. As such, I understand that e-mail is a vital form of communication for the MYAC, and I am acknowledging responsibility for regularly checking and responding to MYAC related emails.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____

Parental Acknowledgment and Release and Indemnity Clause

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Full Member Application

Full members are expected to commit to attending the monthly MYAC meetings and sign the attached "Attendance Commitment" form acknowledging their understanding of this commitment. Additionally, Full Members are expected to participate in many of the additional service opportunities provided.

Select students will participate in an interview session that will be conducted in a small group setting of five to ten students. A student's interest in local government and their future participation potential will be evaluated during the group interviews that will occur during the week of September 15, 2009.

Application History

Have you previously applied for Full Membership in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council or been accepted as an E-Member? If so, please list the year(s) you applied/were an active E-Member.

Organizations & Activities

Please list any school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the past two years. Include any leadership roles in those organizations.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



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General Information

1. What would you like to tell us about yourself?

2. What are your leisure time activities?

3. Why do you want to participate in MYAC?



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This year, we will be having MYAC officers and elections for the positions. The positions include:

President: will serve as an administrator for the program, ensure that members are submitting their RSVPs to meetings and activities via the Communication Officer, participate in MYAC- related staff meetings, help craft meeting agendas as well as write articles for the newspaper.

Communications Officer: is responsible for communicating program information to members and participating in the creation of the monthly newsletter.

Historian: will document the activities of each event and serve as a reference throughout the year for the rest of the members concerning decisions of the organization.

Service Officer: will serve as the primary point of contact and coordinator for the year's service project(s) and assist in developing "productive" icebreakers that would serve to help the members get to know one another while also benefitting the community in some way.

Alumni Officer: will serve as the coordinator for Alumni member activities while also providing experienced opinions on future MYAC actions.

If you are interested in pursuing an officer position, please list which one(s) and why you think you are the best candidate.



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Full Member Commitment

Meeting Information

Meetings are typically held on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the City of Sugar Land City Hall, with the exception of Selection Interviews, Induction, and the Wrap-Up Meeting. Additionally, there will be one off-site, longer service project work-day in the spring. When needed, additional meetings may be called and held.

Each MYAC member is required to inform the Staff Liaison if they will be attending each meeting so that adequate food can be provided. Notice of each meeting will be emailed to the student at least one (1) week prior to the meeting, making it essential that students are checking and responding to all MYAC emails.

Importance of Attendance

Attendance at monthly MYAC meetings is critical to the success of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and to ensure that each meeting has a reflective representation of the teen community in Sugar Land. Because enrollment is limited, attendance becomes even more important. A complete schedule of meeting dates for the year is given to each member in September.

Due to the importance of attendance, Full Members are asked to sign a commitment form acknowledging the following:

- Failure to attend and participate in meetings and events without notice in advance may result in immediate dismissal from MYAC.
- School activities are acceptable absence excuses. Members are required to call Staff Liaison and inform of activity. Failure to notify will result in an unexcused absence.
- Family emergencies are acceptable absence excuses but verification by a parent may be requested.



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Student Participation & Attendance Commitment

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Participation is essential for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to meet its objectives. By signing, I agree to commit to attending all meetings and various events or programs, in addition to providing input through regular electronic communications. As such, I understand that e-mail is a vital form of communication for the MYAC, and I am acknowledging responsibility for regularly checking and responding to MYAC related emails.

I am aware of meeting dates and times of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), and I am aware of the attendance requirements. Should I need to miss a meeting, I will notify the MYAC staff liaison in advance.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____

Parental "Attendance Commitment" Acknowledgment

Must be signed in order to participate.

I understand that my child is pursuing involvement in the City of Sugar Land's Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and has my full permission and consent to participate in all related activities.

I am aware of meeting dates and times of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), and I am aware of the attendance requirements for my child. Accordingly, I also understand that it is vital that my son / daughter check and respond to MYAC emails in order to be aware of all MYAC meetings and news.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____

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MYAC 2009 – 2010 CALENDAR

(All Meetings for Full Members Only Unless Otherwise Noted)

Proposed Curriculum for Class of 2010	
Proposed Date	Event
Week of September 15 (Time TBD)	Pre-Selection Interviews for Full Member Candidates
September 29 (4:30 PM)	Induction and Orientation (MANDATORY)
October 24 (9:00 AM) TENTATIVE DATE!	Think Tank (Service Organization Focus)
November 14 (9:00 AM)	City Tour
December 5 (9:00 AM)	Meet the Police Chief
January 9 (9:00 AM)	Meet the Fire Chief
February 6 (9:00 AM)	Town Hall **
March 6 (9:00 AM)	Mock Council
TBD	Service Project
May 4 (4:00 PM)	Wrap-Up / City Council Recognition

MYAC Town Hall Meeting is for ALL MEMBERS

Note: All Dates Are Subject to Change.

