



**Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County**

## ***Mayor's Youth Council***

### **2009–2010 APPLICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the attached application to apply to be a member of the Mayor's Youth Council.

Please send in your completed application by April 9, 2009.

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#### **Background**

The Mayor's Youth Council was first appointed in 1999. The Mayor's Youth Council consists of 32 high school **juniors** and **seniors** from public and private schools. The Council holds monthly meetings and meets quarterly with the Mayor.

#### **Mission**

The mission of the Mayor's Youth Council is to (1) provide ongoing and direct input on government policies and practices that may affect young people, (2) advocate on issues and initiatives that may impact the lives of young people, (3) recommend and foster initiatives for and by youth, (4) act as a communication link between the Metropolitan Government and the young people of Nashville, (5) promote and recognize the abilities, accomplishments, and contributions of young people in their communities, and (6) organize and participate in countywide forums, including an annual Mayor's Youth Summit.

#### **Examples of Past MYC Events and Activities**

1. Mayor's Youth Summit. In partnership with several youth organizations, the MYC plans and organizes the annual summit that brings together youth from across Nashville Davidson County. At the Summit, youth address key issues that impact their lives, strengthen their leadership and citizenship skills, and are empowered to make positive changes in their communities.
2. Citywide High School Talent Show. Mayor's Youth Council members host an annual citywide talent show which promotes the diverse talents of young people in a safe and drug-free environment.

#### **Requirements**

Applicants must be rising high school Juniors or Seniors. Mayor's Youth Council meetings are held once a month. Most monthly meetings occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm at the Downtown Public Library. There are committee meetings & other activities requiring approximately 2 hrs. per week after school.

#### **Application Deadline is April 3, 2009**

Please **mail or fax completed applications** to: Mayor's Office of Children and Youth, Metropolitan Courthouse, Nashville, TN 37201 **Phone:** 862-6000, **Fax:** 862-6040

Your complete application should include:

1. Student Information
2. Parent/Guardian Signed Permission
3. Short Answer
4. 2 Recommendation Forms (mailed separately)



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Please type or write neatly. Write in ink.

**I. STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (08-09) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have access to transportation to and from meetings?      Yes      No

**Please Note:** Monthly meetings are mandatory for participation. There are also committee meetings and other events requiring approximately 2 hours per week after school. An appointment to the Mayor's Youth Council is a one year commitment.

I have read and understand the time commitment required. I also know the importance of teamwork and cooperation. I am able to make such a commitment.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**II. PARENT/ GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby give my child permission to apply for selection to the Mayor's Youth Council.*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**IV. RECOMMENDATION FORM**

You must submit a recommendation form. The recommendation must come from someone who is familiar with your background and who has served as an advisor/leader of a school and/or community related organization or club that you have been a part of while in high school. Use the attached recommendation form.

**The form must be submitted directly to the Mayor’s Office by the person making the recommendation.**



Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

The Mayor’s Youth Council consists of 32 high school juniors and seniors from public and private schools in Nashville Davidson County. The Council holds monthly meetings and meets quarterly with the Mayor. Mayor’s Youth Council members serve as a communication link to the Metropolitan Government and Nashville youth. The Council organizes events such as the Mayor’s Youth Summit and a citywide talent show. Mayor’s Youth Council members are required to attend monthly meetings, as well as committee meetings and events throughout the month. Members take an active role in planning and organizing events.

**Name of Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization/Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What would you consider to be the applicant’s strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What would you consider to be the applicant’s weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Give an example of how this candidate takes personal initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Discuss the applicant’s ability to effectively communicate with others (peers, adults) \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you completing this form. **RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 9, 2009.**

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