



Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County

## **Mayor's Youth Council 2016–2017 APPLICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the attached application to apply to be a member of the Mayor's Youth Council. Please submit your completed application by **MAY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Completed applications can be faxed to Brandon Hill (329-1444) or emailed to [bhill@oasiscenter.org](mailto:bhill@oasiscenter.org).

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### **Background**

In 1999, former Mayor Phil Bredesen appointed the first Mayor's Youth Council. The Mayor's Youth Council consists of high school students from public and private schools. The Council holds weekly 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.

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

- **Engaging Youth Leaders (Mayor's Youth Summit):** In partnership with several youth organizations, the MYC plans and organizes the annual Mayor's Youth Summit which 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.
- **Capturing Youth Voice (Nashville's Youth Master Plan Survey):** Mayor's Youth Council members designed a survey to help capture the voice of high school students in Davidson County regarding their resources and needs. The survey data provided feedback for the city's Youth Master Plan, which aims to help service providers develop a coordinated approach to address the many life factors that affect student success in school.
- **Promoting Youth Service (Service Learning Activities):** In addition to annual events, the Mayor's Youth Council participates in citywide community service events, including the Mayor's First Day Festival, the Mayor's 5k Walk, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day March, and other youth-focused forums and meetings.

### **Requirements**

**Applicants must be rising high school Sophomores, Juniors, or Seniors (must be freshmen, sophomores, or juniors at the time of applying).** Mayor's Youth Council meetings are held weekly. Meetings occur on Mondays from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Oasis Center (1704 Charlotte Ave.) Combined meetings & other activities require a commitment of approximately 2-4 hrs. per week.

**Application Deadline is MAY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Please **email or fax completed applications** to: Brandon Hill at (615-329-1444) or [bhill@oasiscenter.org](mailto:bhill@oasiscenter.org)

Your complete application should include:

1. Student Information
2. Parent/Guardian Signed Permission
3. Short Answers
4. **2** Recommendation Forms (faxed or emailed separately)



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**MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**2016 - 2017 Application**

Please type or write neatly in ink.

**I. STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (this year) \_\_\_\_\_

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:** Attending weekly meetings are mandatory for participation in MYC. Combined meetings and other events requiring a commitment of approximately 2-4 hours per week. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### III. SHORT ANSWERS

We want to know more about you. Please thoroughly answer the following questions.

1. Why do you want to be a Mayor's Youth Council member?
2. What community issue(s) do you care most about? (*ex. Education, violence, homelessness*) What do you think would help address this issue?
3. What do you think is your greatest strength? In what area do you need the most improvement?
4. List all clubs, team sports, after-school programs, jobs, or other activities that you will participate in during the 2016-17 school year

**IV. RECOMMENDATION FORM**

You must submit **2** recommendation forms. The recommendation should come from someone who is familiar with your background and/or 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 by the person making the recommendation.**



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

The Mayor's Youth Council consists of high school students from public and private schools in Nashville Davidson County. The Council holds weekly 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 other youth-related forums and events. Mayor's Youth Council members are required to attend meetings as well as community events throughout the year. Members take an active role in planning and organizing events and community initiatives.

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 greatest area for improvement? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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5. 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 May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

Please fax or email completed recommendation to Brandon Hill (615-329-1444) [bhill@oasiscenter.org](mailto:bhill@oasiscenter.org).