



CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

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Return completed applications to the Clerk's Office attn. Mayor Monson  
5335 Eighth Street – Zephyrhills, Florida 33542

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum 2.7)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade 2023/2024 School Year  | <input type="checkbox"/> Zephyrhills High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade 2023/2024 School Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Private School          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade 2023/2024 School Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Schooled           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 2023/2024 School Year |  |

Why do you wish to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council?

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Describe strengths, attitude, skills, and leadership qualities you possess.

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Describe your background that has prepared you for this leadership role?

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Essay: How will serving on the Mayor's Youth Council make a difference within the Zephyrhills community.

Letter of recommendation required from a teacher, counselor, parent (home schooled students), or coach.

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Signature

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Print Name

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Signature Parent or Guardian

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Print Name

Mayor's Youth Council  
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**APPLICATION**

Students completing applications for the Mayor's Youth Council must have a 2.7 GPA, submit an essay on "How serving on the City's Youth Council will make a difference within the Zephyrhills community," and submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or parent (home schooled students).

**CREATION:** The Youth Council shall consist of five (5) members plus two (2) alternates. The members shall be Zephyrhills area residents who are actively enrolled in grades 9 through 12, either in Zephyrhills High School or home-schooled and residing in the Zephyrhills High School district, or in any private high school, located within the Zephyrhills High School district. Each member elected shall serve a term of two (2) years, unless grade 12 is completed during the term, at which time the position shall be declared vacant. Youth Council members will be selected in the spring of each year.

**SELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The Youth Council shall elect a chair to conduct meetings and a vice chair to conduct meetings in the absence of the chair and a secretary to take minutes. The election of officers shall be held at the first regular meeting after the general election of members is held.

**VACANCIES:** Irregular vacancies on the Youth Council shall be filled by an alternate, with an alternate appointed to represent seats 1, 3 and 5 and one alternate to represent seats 2 and 4. Alternate member vacancies shall be appointed by the City Council.

**MEETINGS, RECORDS:** The Youth Council shall hold at least one regular meeting per quarter, with the option to meet monthly as needed or desired. The office of the City Clerk shall keep public records of such meetings. All meetings shall be public under the Florida Government-in-the Sunshine Laws.

Absences from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Youth Council shall cause a member to be removed from their seat, unless such absence is excused by a majority vote of the Council with such excuse duly entered upon its minutes.

**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Youth Council shall have the duty and responsibility to:

1. Evaluate and review problems facing youth in the city.
2. Facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs and suggested improvements to the community.
3. Meet regularly with the Mayor and City Council members to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns and recommended improvements.
4. Attend City Council meetings and participate in visioning and goal-setting sessions.
5. Present recommended improvements to the City Council and City Manager of public projects and programs.
6. Assist in planning youth/recreational activities.
7. Evaluate and advise the City Council and/or City Manager on issues forwarded to the Youth Council for advice.

**RECOMMENDED:** In the summer when school is out, Youth Council members may:

1. Attend City Council meetings.
2. Volunteer within the community.
3. Participate in scheduled community events.
4. Create a video for Youth Council recruitment.