



## City of Clarksville Mayor's Youth Council

The City of Clarksville's Mayor's Youth Council is a group of young people working toward the common purpose of developing their individual leadership skills to strengthen their community through volunteer service and increased communication with elected officials.

We are looking for students who are interested in developing and leading initiatives with the support of adult mentors. The Mayor's Youth Council is more than just a service club because members also train and involve their peers in service leadership. They also provide valuable insight on issues affecting youth and the community.

### PURPOSE

- To acquaint participants with knowledge concerning the operation of Clarksville City government and other City agencies.
- Raise youth-related issues with elected officials.
- Practice public speaking, problem-solving and debating skills.
- Recruit volunteers for service projects.
- Decide on a group project and present to the City Council and Mayor.

### STRUCTURE

- Made up of 25-35 members.
- Members must be in 11th-12th grades.
- Members meet monthly and serve a one-year academic term.
- Prospective members apply in the spring and members are selected by May 1, 2019.
- Term coincides with Clarksville-Montgomery County School System's academic year (August-May).

### HOW DO I APPLY?

- Apply online by **April 1, 2019**.

- Complete the online application form according to the instructions. The application form requires you to write a 300-500 page essay. Obtain one reference from a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal. Persons providing these references should not be related to you.
- Possess an accrued grade point average of 2.75, based on a 4.0 system.
- Essay topics: "How can I influence a positive impact on my community?" and "What would I like to gain by being on the Mayor's Youth Council?"

## SELECTION PROCESS

A Selection Committee will choose participants for the Mayor's Youth Council based on interest in learning about City government, learning about their community, commitment to positive self-growth, and demonstrated leadership ability. Selection procedures will include a "blind" review of all applications. Applicants will be notified of the committee's selections by email.

## MEETINGS

- Meet once a month to participate and learn about City Government and its functions. These meetings will take place at the City of Clarksville Parks and Recreation office.
- Members will take part in group exercises to engage thoughts and ideas regarding current and future issues.
- Members will attend one City Council meeting over the term and will have the opportunity to present a proposal to the Mayor and City Council at open Council meetings.
- Meeting attendance is required. Members will be removed from the council for missing two Mayor's Youth Council meetings.



## Clarksville Mayor's Youth Council Application

The Mayor's Youth Council is accepting applications from students in grades 11&12 in Montgomery County. Youth Council members will serve for a period of one academic year term. Returning youth council members are required to reapply each year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities:

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Hobbies/Interests:

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Describe your interest in City Government:

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Please email a 300-500 essay covering the topics: "How can I influence a positive impact on my community?" or "What would I like to gain by being on the Mayor's Youth Council?" along with one reference letter, the Consent and Waiver Form, and this application to [melissa.adkins@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:melissa.adkins@cityofclarksville.com) or [kayla.malley@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:kayla.malley@cityofclarksville.com).