



Austin Youth Council

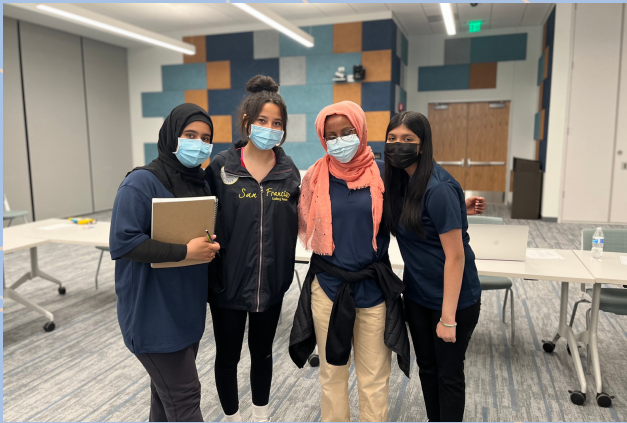


2022-23

**New
Member**

Application

What is Austin Youth Council?



Previous AYC monthly meeting

Members meet once a month and discuss issues concerning youth as well as listen to presentations from City staff and outside organizations in the city.

AYC is made up of over 65 high school students across Austin representing the youth population of Austin including students from AISD, DVISD, RRISD, PfISD, LISD, Charter Schools, Parochial Schools, Private Schools, and homeschooled students.



Community service project preparing for our annual Youth Career Fest

The council is structured as a general assembly with 10 elected AYC members that represent each of the 10 districts.

We amplify our voice through...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Elected members and districts

AYC members serve within their local districts led by *elected members* who mirror Austin city council members. Districts meet to contribute to their schools & local communities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every month, AYC members are expected to participate in 3 hours of community service collectively. Those unable to attend are expected to submit hours individually.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Committees & committee chairs

AYC members join committees that are focused on current issues that impact youth led by *committee chairs*. AYC's continuing committees for next year:

- Homelessness
- Budget
- Diversity
- Mental Health
- Education

AYC travels...



National League of Cities hosts two annual conference: City Summit (held in a member-city every Fall) and Congressional Cities conference (held in Washington, D.C. in Spring.



AYC members in an electrifying youth session (Los Angeles, CA)

Both conferences attract youth-delegates across the nation to gather and discuss issues affecting their cities and develop youth-led solutions to implement when returning to respective cities.

Touring the Capitol building in between conference sessions. (Washington, D.C.)



AYC students must be active and in good standing academically and within your local to be selected to attend.

**NEXT NLC
CONFERENCE:
November 2022
Location TBD**

Requirements & Benefits

All interested high school schools must have a designated adult sponsor (teacher, counselor, staff, principal) committed to attending some of the monthly meetings and be responsible for checking in with AYC representatives between meetings.

**HIGH SCHOOLS
MAY NOT HAVE
MORE THAN
FOUR STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

All schools will need to complete a school form that both the principal and sponsor sign to acknowledge their school's commitment.

AYC MEMBERS WILL:

- Learn and practice Robert's Rules of Order
- Practice civic engagement
- Develop communication and social interaction skills
- Engage with like-minded peers throughout the city
- Network with City of Austin departments, organizations and local businesses

Principal & sponsor participation

PRINCIPAL

- Approves school's participation in all AYC events
- Appoints a sponsor to represent school and students
- Assist sponsor in selecting students to participate in AYC

SPONSOR

- Attend monthly meetings (as available)
- Select students who meet/exceed minimum included in packet requirements to participate in AYC**
- Check-in with students to assist and ensure each are fulfilling tasks, goals & expectations regarding AYC

STUDENTS

- Commit to serving in one school year (*August-May*)
- Submit completed application
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Attend & actively participate in monthly meetings
- Participate in monthly community service+
- Discuss issues and solutions surrounding youth in Austin

Student application

In order to complete your application, fill out the following webform and complete the sections on this document. Once you've completed these requirements, email it to youthcouncil@austintexas.gov along with your finished essay by **Friday, April 15th.**

APPLICATION:

Please follow this link to fill out the AYC Application:

[AYC Application Webform](#)

ESSAY:

Applicants must submit a well-structured 500 word essay addressing what you look forward to gaining and contributing to the Austin Youth Council and the city of Austin.

Student & Parent/Guardian Agreement

AYC members are expected to:

- Commitment to serving one school year
- Attend & actively participate in meetings
- Participate in monthly community service events
- Be active in committee and committee meetings
- Discuss & contribute in AYC issues/topics
- Represent as a student-leader on and off campus

I pledge to fulfill my expected responsibilities as an AYC member after reviewing the responsibilities as listed and expected.

_____ X _____

AYC Applicant name

Signature

I pledge to support my child(ren) with transportation as necessary and commitment within Austin Youth Council.

_____ X _____

Parent/guardian name

Signature

Sponsor Approval/ Administrator Agreement

I, _____, hereby state
(school sponsor)

_____ has been approved
(AYC student applicant)

and recommended to serve on the 2022-2023
Austin Youth Council.

Sponsor signature: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

I, _____, hereby state
(Principal signature)

_____ has been approved
(AYC student applicant)

and recommended to serve on the 2022-2023
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Principal signature: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

Checklist

Please email your completed documents in ONE email to youthcouncil@austintexas.gov.



**STUDENT APPLICATION
FORM**



**PARENT/GUARDIAN
STUDENT-PARENT AGREEMENT**



SPONSOR APPROVAL FORM

Applicants have until the AYC September meeting to turn this form in.



COMPLETED ESSAY

2022-2023 Monthly meeting dates

**THURSDAYS
5:45-7:30PM**

AUGUST MEETING

08/25 Welcome Back & Orientation

SEPTEMBER MEETING

09/22

OCTOBER MEETING

10/20

NOVEMBER MEETING

11/17

DECEMBER MEETING

12/8 End-of-the-Year Cultural Celebration

**ALL
MEETINGS
IN PERSON**

*at City Council
Chambers*

**SPRING 2023
DATES TO COME!**

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