



Austin Youth Council

2021-2022

**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.**

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

**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

# 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*:

- Education
- Environmental
- Participatory budgeting
- School-to-prison pipeline
- Youth mental health

# 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:  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
NOVEMBER 2021**



# 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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

# Parent/guardian contact

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT** *(if different from above)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state  
(school sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_ has been approved  
(AYC student applicant)

and recommended to serve on the 2021-2022  
Austin Youth Council.

Sponsor signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# 2021-2022 Monthly meeting dates

**THURSDAYS  
5PM - 6:30PM**

## **AUGUST MEETING**

**08/26** Welcome Back & Orientation

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**09/23**

## **OCTOBER MEETING**

**10/21**

## **NOVEMBER MEETING**

**11/18**

## **DECEMBER MEETING**

**12/9** End-of-the-Year Cultural Celebration

**ALL  
MEETINGS  
VIRTUAL**

**(AS OF NOW)**

**SPRING 2022  
DATES TO COME!**

# Checklist

Upload your completed documents altogether to the designated link:



## STUDENT APPLICATION



## PARENT/GUARDIAN STUDENT-PARENT AGREEMENT



## SPONSOR APPROVAL FORM

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



## COMPLETED ESSAY



## Contact info



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