



Houston Mayor's Youth Council

Application Packet, 2025-26

The mission of the Houston Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) is to promote youth civic engagement and provide high school students with opportunities to learn about city government, develop leadership skills, and bring awareness to issues that are important to Houston's youth. Members learn to use Parliamentary Procedure and participate in General Assembly meetings, committees and Service-Learning Projects. During meetings, members discuss issues affecting youth, hear presentations from City of Houston staff and external organizations while planning actions to address community concerns. Applicants are asked to submit applications by **July 21, 2025, to myc@houstontx.gov**

MYC Members will have opportunities to:

- Learn more about local government and civic participation; build leadership skills, teamwork and effective decision-making skills.
- Participate in MYC hosted service projects and special volunteer projects within the City of Houston. Participate in direct interaction with City Council members to discuss youth issues within their districts.

MYC Member Eligibility Requirements:

- High school students residing within the City of Houston city limits.
- Commitment to participate in activities with the Mayor's Youth Council throughout the school year, including MYC Member/Parent Orientation, committee meetings, monthly in-person meetings, Service-Learning Projects and special volunteer opportunities.
- Ambition to serve the Houston community and collaborate with the MYC team and City partners.
- Actively serve on a minimum of two MYC committees: Education Equity, Environmental Justice, Voter Engagement and Mental Health.
- Permission to apply from parent or guardian by way of signature on the MYC Commitment Agreement Form and attendance to the MYC Member/Parent Orientation, upon MYC 2025-26 selection.

The MYC term extends from August 2025 through April 2026 with an orientation and swearing-in ceremony held in September 2025. Regular MYC meetings will be held in the evenings (6:00pm-8:00pm) on either the second Tuesday or second Wednesday of each month. Additional Service-Learning Projects will be scheduled throughout the MYC term and advance notice will be provided to MYC members. Selected applicants and parents **MUST** attend the 2025-26 MYC Orientation. Upon receiving your application, it will be reviewed by the 2025-26 MYC Selection Committee. The committee will determine if an in-person interview will be granted and notify all candidates of their application status by August 8, 2025.

MYC APPLICATION CHECKLIST - EMAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO MYC@HOUSTONTX.GOV

- ✓ Completed Application Form
- ✓ Completed Essay Questions
- ✓ Student and Parent Commitment Agreement



Houston Mayor's Youth Council 2025-26 Tentative Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Topic
August 2025, Date TBA	TBA	MYC Orientation & Team Building Retreat
September 2025, Date TBA	TBA	MYC Swearing-In Ceremony
Tuesday, September 9, 2025	6:00pm – 8:00pm	MYC In-Person Meeting, Parliamentary Procedure Intro
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Leadership Development
Wednesday, November 12	6:00pm – 8:00pm	TBA
Wednesday, December 10	6:00pm – 8:00pm	TBA
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	6:00pm – 8:00pm	District Community Project
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	6:00pm – 8:00pm	TBA
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	6:00pm – 8:00pm	District Community Project
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	6:00pm – 8:00pm	District Community Project

*All dates and topics are subject to change.

* Service-Learning Projects will be announced two weeks prior to event.



Houston-Mayor's Youth Council 2025-2026 Application Form

Please clearly write your responses or use the fillable form.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ 2025-26 School Year Grade: _____

School Attending: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Houston City Council District: _____

*For assistance locating your Houston Council District, visit www.houstontx.gov/council/whoismymc.html. You can also find your district Council Member via calling 3-1-1. If you are calling from outside the City Limits, the number is 713.837.0311.

Please list your anticipated commitments outside of school and homework for the 2025-26 school year (include clubs, jobs, sports, etc.):

Activity: _____ Hours/Week: _____

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Activity: _____ Hours/Week: _____

I initiated interest in this program: YES ☐ NO ☐

I was asked to apply for this program: YES ☐ NO ☐ If yes, by whom? _____

Do you have a license and vehicle that you will drive next year? YES ☐ NO ☐

If not, are you able to secure transportation to meetings? YES ☐ NO ☐

The MYC does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, political affiliation or disability. The following information is not required. It is requested to facilitate our goal of assembling a diverse group. Omitting this information will not affect your application.

Race or ethnic group: _____ Gender Identity: _____



Houston Mayor's Youth Council 2025-2026 Application-Essay Question Submission

Please clearly write your responses or use the fillable form.

1. Describe an issue or topic that is important to you that you feel youth in Houston face individually or in their communities and explain why it is important to you. You may list more than one.

2. Explain any actions that you have taken to address this issue(s), or if you haven't, explain what you would do and how you think the MYC could help address this issue(s).

3. What is one characteristic that you pride yourself on and what will this contribute to the Youth Council?

Houston Mayor's Youth Council 2025-26 Application Student/Parent Commitment Agreement Form

I recognize that attendance and participation are essential to achieve the objectives of the Houston Mayor's Youth Council.

Council members must adhere to the following:

- Attend Member/Parent MYC Orientation.
- Be professional, accepting and open-minded.
- Listen and consider other people's ideas and feelings – be a team player.
- Be present, mindful and engaged.
- Be in attendance and bring a positive attitude to all meetings and activities.
- Communicate openly and honestly with each other, program leaders and elected officials.

I have read and understand the commitment required if I am selected as a member of the Houston Mayor's Youth Council.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

I recognize that _____ is submitting an application to serve on the Houston Mayor's Youth Council. I support my child's participation in the Council and understand that attendance is of high importance. I also give permission for the City to share my child's name and use photographs in promotional materials for the Houston Mayor's Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Cell Phone #: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____