



Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Haysville, Kansas

The Facts

- **What is The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?**

An initiative from the Office of Haysville Mayor Bruce Armstrong. The Council has been created to increase awareness and involvement of the Haysville Community youth in city government and in the community at large. Members receive hands-on experience in local government by meeting with the Mayor and working with city staff and local leaders. It is the purpose of this Council to develop, implement, and participate in a variety of youth-identified community programs, projects, and events.

- **Who May Apply?**

Youth selected to serve must attend school and/or reside within USD 261. Applicants must currently be in the 8th to 11th grades. All applicants must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

- **How Many Members Serve on the Council?**

A limited number of seats are available on the Council. Members are interviewed and selected by the Selection Committee, which consists of the Mayor, City Representatives, and Representatives from USD 261.

- **Membership Terms**

Each appointed member makes a commitment to serve for one school year...starting in June and ending in May. Terms are renewable and members may be re-appointed. Members are encouraged to reapply from year to year. New and returning members have the opportunity to develop lifelong leadership skills, build networks, and gain additional hands-on experience in local government.

- **Benefits of Council Membership**

- ✚ Provide input on Haysville's future
- ✚ Provide input on programs, services, and events offered for your age group
- ✚ Learn about the City and Community of Haysville
- ✚ Meet one-on-one with the Mayor, City Officials, and City Staff
- ✚ Establish networks that benefit your future
- ✚ Learn valuable job and life skills

- **Community Service Hours**

Each member will receive community service hours based on participation level and agreed to by each participating school.

- **For More Information Contact:**

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Want to be a member of MYLC?

Membership in the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is open to students who attend Campus or Haysville High School, **OR** who live within USD 261 district boundaries. The application process for the 2019-20 school year will begin in March of 2019. Follow the City of Haysville and MYLC on Facebook or contact Community Relations Director Ginger Cullen for additional information.

Community Involvement: A key component of MYLC membership

Members participate in the following activities:

- ◆ Volunteer at various community events for the City, Haysville PRIDE and more
- ◆ Attend city committees such as the Historic Committee and Park Board
- ◆ Meet with local and state leaders like Haysville City Council, Sedgwick County Commissioners, State House of Reps/Senator, and Kansas Governor



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**"Improving Haysville by
Increasing Youth
Involvement."**

Updated March 2019

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Who Are We?

MYLC is made up of high school aged leaders from the Haysville area, who maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and are interested in learning more about their community.

An initiative from the Office of Haysville Mayor Bruce Armstrong, the Council was created to increase awareness and involvement of Haysville youth in city government and the community at large.

Members receive hands-on experience in local government by meeting with the Mayor and working with city staff and local leaders.



Mayor Armstrong and MYLC Scholarship recipient Avery Clough



The 2018-19 Mayor's Youth Leadership Council

Community Service & Events

From helping Haysville PRIDE make bierocks for their annual fundraiser, to participating in Trick or Treat on Main Street, members of MYLC perform acts of service for a variety of civic groups.



MYLC members having fun while volunteering at Haysville Police Department's National Night Out

Communication & Awareness

Strong communication grows public awareness of MYLC, and fosters positive relationships with community groups. Key facets of Marketing and Communication include maintaining MYLC's website and social media accounts, as well as promoting Haysville events with young people.



The 2017-18 MYLC visit the State Capitol Building

What Former Members Say:

"During MYLC I learned how important it is for young people to get out and help the community." - Skylar Nicholas

"MYLC helped me gain the confidence to voice my viewpoint." - Brynden Janssen

"I now see the great effort put into things around Haysville that I would have never noticed before." - Denea Clark

"Last year I had a tough time finding volunteer opportunities, but MYLC gave me many ways to serve the community." - Presley Chan

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How to Apply

1. Complete and sign this application (please print or type).
2. Insert an official verification of your grade point average.
3. Obtain your parent's or legal guardian's signature, giving you permission to participate.
4. Submit your application by **Monday, April 22nd, 2019** using one of the following methods:

- a. Mail or deliver the application to:

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council

C/O Community Relations Director Ginger Cullen

Haysville City Building, 200 W. Grand

Haysville, KS 67060

- b. Email a signed copy of the application to gcullen@haysville-ks.com
 - In the subject line, please type, "[First Name] [Last Name] – MYLC Application."

Selection Criteria

Selections will be made based on the following criteria:

- The student's interest in serving on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (MYLC). Participation includes attending one MYLC regular meeting and one or more City committee meeting each month, along with other meetings and events as they arise.
- The student's history of active community involvement, volunteerism, a desire to serve others, and public service.
- The student's interest in potentially pursuing a college education and career in public service.
- The student's desire to develop his/her leadership potential.
- The student's history of academic achievement.
- Feedback from the student's references.
- An interview with the selection committee.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current GPA: _____

School: _____

Grade Level for the 2019-2020 School Year: *Freshman* *Sophomore* *Junior* *Senior*

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

Relation of Emergency Contact to Applicant: _____

Phone Number of Emergency Contact: _____

Essay Responses

Please respond to the following questions as thoroughly as possible. Responses should be provided on a separate page.

- 1) Why are you interested in participating in the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?
- 2) Why are you a good candidate for the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?
- 3) What activities are you involved in at school and in the community?
- 4) Which experiences have prepared you to be a successful member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?
- 5) Provide an essay that explains what you believe to be the most important issue facing Haysville's youth and how, as a member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, you would work with area youth, local government, and local nonprofit agencies to address this issue. The essay should be a maximum of two pages and double-spaced. Attach the essay to this application.

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Additional Requirements

- 6) Include two letters of recommendation from adults you have worked with in school or non-school activities (e.g. teacher, counselor, coach, supervisor, etc.). Ask the letter writers to include their name, phone number, and email address in the letters.
- 7) Council and Committee meetings will be held monthly. Attendance is expected.

Statement of Commitment

I understand the time commitment required for the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council and that my attendance and active participation are essential to making the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council the best student-led organization in Haysville. **I also understand that while the Council does not specify how many absences shall be allowed per Member, if a Member develops a pattern of non-participation, they could be subject to a review meeting with the Executive Committee or removal from the Council, after decision by the Executive Committee.** Lastly, I understand the importance of teamwork and cooperation, and I will be committed to this council and my fellow council members.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

As the parent/guardian of _____, I give consent for my child to participate on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council and in all related activities.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____