



Greenville Mayor's Youth Council

Mission Statement

The Greenville, MS Mayor's Youth Council is a group of young people working toward the common purpose of developing their individual leadership skills to strengthen their communities through volunteer service and increased communication with municipal leaders. A Mayor's Youth Council provides valuable insight on issues affecting youth and the community.

Who can join the Mayor's Youth Council?

Any student, 9th – 12th grade, who resides in the City of Greenville and attends the following schools: Greenville High School, Washington High School, St. Joseph Catholic High School, Greenville Christian High School, Riverside High School, and O'Bannon High School. The Mayor's Youth Council is made up of forty-eight (48) students, which includes 8 students per school with 2 students from each grade level (i.e. two 9th graders, two 10th graders, two 11th graders, and two 12th graders). The students will be selected by a Steering Committee that consists of 8–10 adults.

What does the Council do?

The Council participates in...

- Community events
- Volunteer projects
- State Wide Summit
- City Council Meetings
- City-Wide Clean Ups
- Etc.

Why should I join the Council?

When you join the Council, you can...

- Meet new people
- Learn new things
- Have fun
- Volunteer at City activities
- Be a voice for the youth of Greenville, MS
- Be involved in the community



**APPLICATION TO SERVE
ON THE
GREENVILLE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL**

Please print neatly in blue or black ink.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS: Members are selected by recommendations from the Principals, Sponsors, and a MYC Representative from each school. Selection of new members is made on the basis of academic, leadership, or organizational skills, and on the youth's interest and commitment in participating in city activities. Each of the six high schools in the Greenville area may have members from 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades. Once the applications are completed and turned in, a panel of judges will review them and call students in for interviews. Members must be committed to attending regular monthly meetings and to participating in city activities (approximately six hours a month). Members must be able to attend 90% of said activities throughout the school year, or they will be asked to resign from the council.

Name _____ Date _____

Parent's Names _____

Home Phone # _____ Teen Phone Line _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

School _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Why do you want to be involved in the Mayor's Your Council?

Describe your ideas and goals for this Council and how they can benefit the Community.

List all organizations or clubs you are currently a member of.

ESSAY QUESTION: What do you feel would be more beneficial to the youth of Greenville? (Essay must be at least five paragraphs. You may attach additional paper for each answer if needed.)

I understand that being a member of the Mayor's Youth Council carries certain responsibilities. I agree to conduct myself as properly befitting a representative of my city and abide by all guidelines of the Council.

Student Signature: I have read and understand the above commitments required for the Council.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: I give my permission for the above named applicant to seek a position on the Mayor's Youth Council and I have read and understand the commitments required for the Council.

Parent Signature

Date

Please return application to:

City Hall
340 Main Street
Greenville, MS 38701

If you have any questions,

Please contact:

Nikki Landrum
662-378-1534
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Officer Job Description

Responsibilities of the officers include the following....

President

- Run meeting
- Help create a flyer for every meeting
- Call or send e-mail reminders to members
- Help all officers with their event duties
- Responsible for team building activity
- Responsible for heading project or program

Vice President

- Run meetings if president is not available
- Give agenda items to president before each month's meeting
- Responsible for heading project or program
- Responsible for application drive at the end of the year
- Responsible for team building activity

Secretary

- Take minutes at meetings and record meetings on tape
- Make sure the president and secretary sign the official minutes
- Take the board member's attendance at each meeting
- Responsible for heading project or program
- Responsible for team building activity

Asst. Secretary

- Take minutes at meetings
- Take the board members' attendance
- Keep record of attendance to events

Parliamentarian

- Make sure that parliamentary procedures are followed at the meetings
- Keep meetings under control
- Responsible for heading project or program
- Responsible for team building activity

Historian

- Tracking attendance of Youth Council members that attend the City Council meetings
- Give information about events to Nikki Landrum, Mason Valentine and Mark Dibiase to put on City website and City TV channel
- Information to newspaper and keeping scrapbook information

- Taking pictures and documentation of events
- Responsible for heading project or program
- Responsible for team building activity

The officers will be responsible for keeping calendars, help plan and attend events, and come up with ideas for the Council. With this responsibility, the officers should...

- Make a flyer/reminder about the event
- Have sign-up sheets before the event
- Have sign-in sheets at the event
- Make sure there are Council representatives at the corresponding commission meeting. (Ex. If you are in charge of the clean-up, you should make sure there are representatives at the Keep Greenville Beautiful meeting before the clean-up.
- Check with Nikki Landrum for any other details about upcoming events.
- Use other board members and resource members to help coordinate event.

Additional responsibilities include...

- Each officer should also keep good communications with Nikki Landrum throughout the year. This helps the officers stay informed about the Mayor's Youth Council events and to stay up to date on Council news. Nikki Landrum should always be informed about your attendance and failure to achieve the above responsibilities.
- Most importantly, the Mayor's Youth Council officers must work together, be prepared, and be organized.
- Last, but not least, one person should NOT do all the work. Use each other, other board members, and resource members to help with all of the activities.