Mayor’s Youth Council
City of Los Angeles
2015-2016 Application Year

Passionate about your community? Love to discuss current events? Want to give back to those around you? Interested in meeting other young people dedicated to public service?

Join the Mayor’s Youth Council, a one-year fellowship for Los Angeles high school students to hone their leadership skills in the areas of political and civic engagement, and community volunteerism. Through monthly cohort meetings, innovative service projects, professional development trainings, and a robust guest speakers series, Youth Council students are empowered to advocate for a more just and equitable Los Angeles for all - including the City’s next generation of pioneers.

The Mayor’s Youth Council is comprised of a diverse array of public, charter, parochial, private and continuing education high school students from the City’s 7 geographic areas: Central, East LA, East Valley, Harbor, South LA, Westside, and West Valley. Each area has its own cohort which meets monthly at a designated location. All students convene quarterly at a local college/university to further build upon professional development and leadership skills. Each Youth Council cohort is led by its respective Area Representative from the Mayor’s Office of Public Engagement, and will oftentimes feature guest speakers from the local political, non-profit, corporate and labor sectors.

Please visit http://www.lamayor.org to nominate a student, or to complete the electronic application and parental consent form. Should you have any questions, please contact Gabrielle Horton (Mayor’s Office of Public Engagement) at mayor.youthcouncil@lacity.org.
Mayor’s Youth Council  
City of Los Angeles  
2015-2016 Application Year

Requirements:

- Must live in the City of Los Angeles
- Must be a currently enrolled high school/continuing student in grade 9, 10 or 11
- Complete Sections I-IV of application
- Complete Parent/Guardian Consent Form
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor/counselor, coach, employer, or community/religious leader
- Must maintain a 2.75 unweighted GPA throughout the program
- Application Deadline: Friday, October 30th, 2015 at 5:00 PM

Optional Materials:

- One unofficial transcript
- A one-page résumé

Youth Council Participant Expectations:

- Commit to the 1-year fellowship, which includes monthly meetings in your region, and quarterly meetings with all Youth Council students from across the City (There is an optional second year, where students are encouraged to serve as Youth Council mentors to future cohorts).
- Conduct research on issues affecting youth in your area (i.e. voter registration, healthy food access, illegal dumping, bullying).
- Develop innovative service projects with your Youth Council cohort (i.e. youth forums, community clean-up days, small business awareness campaigns).
- Engage with your Youth Council peers and community around current events and citywide polices.
Mayor’s Youth Council
City of Los Angeles
2015-2016 Application Year

SECTION I - PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ________________________________________________

Cell Phone: __________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________

School Name: _______________________________________________________  

Grade Level: _________________________________________________________

GPA:  ________

List All Languages Spoken and Proficiency Levels: ______________________

Optional Self-Identification Information (i.e. race, ethnicity, religion, special needs, LGBT, tribal affiliation, etc.):

_______________________________________________________________

3
SECTION II - EXTRACURRICULAR

Please describe your involvement with school-based or community activities. Examples include, but are not limited to: after-school clubs and organizations; service learning projects; community and volunteer organizations; religious groups; cultural groups; sports; internships/employment opportunities. Please feel free to submit a résumé, or list your activities in bullet point form.
Mayor’s Youth Council
City of Los Angeles
2015-2016 Application Year

SECTION III - SHORT ESSAY PROMPTS

Please provide a thorough and detailed answer for the following essay prompts. Each answer is limited to 250 words and should be typed in Times New Roman/Arial font size 12. The document should have your first and last name, and school name in the top right corner.

1. Please describe one single topic you believe has a huge impact on Angeleno youth, and a possible solution (policy or program) to this issue area. Examples can include, but are not limited to: safety and violence; college and career readiness; teen literacy; health and wellness; environmental sustainability; public transportation; homelessness and poverty. (250 words max)

2. What or who inspires you to take action in your school and community? (250 words max)

3. What set of unique skills, talents, and experiences would you bring to the Mayor’s Youth Council, and your respective regional cohort? (250 words max)
SECTION IV – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

After completing the section below, please attach or email (mayor.youthcouncil@lacity.org) a signed letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor/counselor, employer, coach, or community/religious leader. This person should highlight your background and strengths, and provide details about your character, academic preparation, work experiences and/or extracurricular activities.

Recommender Name: ___________________________________________________________
Title/Organization: __________________________________________________________
Phone Number: _____________________________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________________________
Relationship to applicant: ___________________________________________________
Mayor’s Youth Council
City of Los Angeles
2015-2016 Application Year

Parent/Guardian Consent Form

We are sending you this parental consent form to both inform you of and request permission for your student’s participation in the Mayor’s Youth Council 2015-2016 cohort.

Founded in 2014, the Mayor’s Youth Council is a one-year fellowship for Los Angeles high school students to hone their leadership skills in the areas of political and civic engagement, and community volunteerism. Through monthly cohort meetings, innovative service projects, professional development, guest speakers series, Youth Council students are empowered to advocate for a more just and equitable Los Angeles for all - including the City’s next generation of pioneers.

I (full name of parent/legal guardian), _____________________________, give my permission for (full name of student) _____________________________ to participate in the Mayor’s Youth Council (2015-2016).

Emergency Contact Person: _____________________________

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____________________________

Photo, Video, Audio Consent Form

I (full name of parent or legal guardian), _____________________________, give my permission for (full name of student) _____________________________ to be photographed, filmed and audio recorded with the understanding that the photos or videos may be used on a website or print publications. _____________________________

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____________________________

Date: _____________________________
Mayor’s Youth Council
City of Los Angeles
2015-2016 Application Year

Application Timeline:

September 22, 2015 - Applications are available online and at local high schools

October 30, 2015 - Deadline for application submission at 5:00 PM

November 2 – November 9, 2015 - Students are notified of final decisions

November 14, 2015 - Saturday Orientation Day at Los Angeles City Hall

Completed applications can be submitted via mayor.youthcouncil@lacity.org or mailed to:

Mayor’s Office of Public Engagement
c/o Gabrielle Horton
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The deadline for the 2015-2016 year is Friday, October 30th, 2015 at 5:00 PM.