

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

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WHAT IS THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL? (MYC)

The Mayor's Youth Council was established in January of 2011 to provide Indianola high school youth with an active role in addressing youth issues in our community. Council members learn various aspects of community leadership and serve as advocates for Indianola's youth, inform them of existing opportunities, and listen to suggestions on what the city can do to improve its youth programs. Possible activities may include tours of city or state departments, attendance at City Council meetings, and planning youth events, activities or service projects.

WHO CAN BE A MEMBER OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL?

The Mayor's Youth Council is comprised of Indianola high school students from each of the four grade levels. We are currently accepting applications to fill four council seats for the 9th grade class. Any current (2017-2018) 9th grade student in Indianola is welcome to apply for one of the four 9th grade council seats.

WHEN DOES THE COUNCIL MEET?

The Mayor's Youth Council meets at 7:00am on the first and third Wednesday of each month during the school year and generally once a month during the summer months. MYC members also volunteer for various community projects or events.

WHERE DOES THE COUNCIL MEET?

Regular meetings are held at Indianola High School. Special events or activities may take the council to various parts of the city.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER BEING A PART OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL?

Serving on the Mayor's Youth Council offers valuable leadership experience and active community involvement. It provides the opportunity to work closely with the Mayor, city administrators, Indianola schools, community leaders, and residents in promoting and improving social, educational, cultural, and recreational activities for youth in Indianola.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Current 9th Grade students who:

- Have lived in the Indianola area for at least one year
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher
- Complete and return a one-page application by the deadline. Finalists will also go through an interview process.
- Can commit to twice-monthly MYC meetings plus volunteer opportunities in the community.
- Possess a genuine interest in learning about Indianola, its government and in working as a group towards community betterment
- Demonstrate a sincere desire to serve as a positive role model for youth in our community

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available through the IHS Office and online at

<http://www.indianolaiowa.gov/184/Mayors-Youth-Council>

Students selected as finalists will also go through an interview process.

WHEN TO APPLY

Return completed application by **Monday, September 25, 2017** to:
Mayor Kelly Shaw
City of Indianola
P.O. Box 299, Indianola, IA 50125
Or email to
kshaw@indianolaiowa.gov



MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

to fill four council seats for current 9th grade class for term beginning Fall 2017

(Submitted applications will be the basis for selecting a limited number of finalists who will be invited to interview. Please use back of form if additional space is needed for answers.)

Full Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Parents Names _____

Parents Address (if different) _____

Parents Phone: Home _____ Work/Cell _____

In case of emergency, notify _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Do you have a job? _____ If so, how many hours do you work weekly? _____

What school activities and clubs are you involved in? _____

What community activities are you involved in? _____

Are you able to commit to attending Mayor's Youth Council meetings at 7:00am on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month? _____

Why are you interested in serving on the Mayor's Youth Council? _____

What projects and/or activities would you like to see the Mayor's Youth Council work on?

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, September 25, 2017. Please return completed application to:

Mayor Kelly Shaw, City of Indianola, P.O. Box 299, Indianola, IA 50125

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