

INDIANOLA MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

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

The Mayor's Youth Council was established to provide Indianola high school students 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 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 five council seats for the 9th grade class.* Any current (2021-2022) student in Indianola is welcome to apply for one of the available council seats.

WHEN DOES THE COUNCIL MEET?

The Mayor's Youth Council meets before or after school twice a 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 or at a city building. 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 council members, city administrators, Indianola schools, community leaders, business owners, and residents in promoting and improving social, educational, cultural, and recreational activities for youth in Indianola.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

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 or at Quick Links 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 27, 2021** to:
Becky Lane
Indianola Parks & Recreation
2204 W. 2nd Ave
Indianola, IA 50125
Or email to blane@indianolaiowa.gov



INDIANOLA MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION
to fill five council seats for current 9th grade class for term beginning Fall 2021

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.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Parents Names _____ Parents Phone _____

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 twice a month? _____

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

What would make you a good member of 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 27, 2021.

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