



Mayor-President's Youth Advisory Council 2025-2026 Application

The Youth Advisory Council is an opportunity for high school students to learn about local government. Members meet monthly, speak with government leaders, serve the community and advocate for issues that are important to youth in Lafayette Parish.

***Applications will be screened with a rubric. All monthly one-hour meetings are MANDATORY unless a valid excuse is submitted.**

Please check one: ☐ I am a NEW Applicant ☐ I am a RETURNING Member

Name:					
Email Address:					
Phone Number:			GPA (unweighted):		
High School:			Expected Graduation Year:		
Parent/Guardian Name:			Parent/Guardian Phone:		
Parent/Guardian Email:					
City of Residence:		City Council District #:		Parish Council District #:	

Please answer the following questions:

Keep all fonts and colors the same.

Responses exceeding 150 words will not be counted.

Answers can be added below or attached on a separate sheet of paper.

All responses will be checked for plagiarism and usage of artificial intelligence.

- 1) Why do you want to serve as a member of the Mayor-President's Youth Advisory Council, and, if selected, how will your experience on the council affect your goals and life choices on civic involvement?

- 2) As you see it, what are the top three (3) issues facing young people in Lafayette?

- 3) Every effort is made to ensure the council members represent the diverse population of Lafayette Parish. Please describe what viewpoint you can bring to the Youth Advisory Council, what makes it unique, and why it is important that these viewpoints are represented.

- 4) List up to 10 of your commitments in any school/community clubs, organizations, and activities, including any offices or leadership positions held.

ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE PROVIDE ONE (1) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from a school counselor, teacher, principal or administrator. Serving on the Youth Advisory Council is a commitment of time. Meetings may occur immediately after school or at other times as needed. Applying to serve will require your commitment to give your best effort and to arrange your schedule so you can participate.

Please submit this application via email to cdeshotel@lafayettela.gov by **June 16, 2025**. Applications are open to all high school students who will be in grades 9-12 beginning in the fall of 2025.

Please contact Caylee Deshotel if you have any questions at **337-291-8486** or cdeshotel@lafayettela.gov. Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of the **2025-2026 Mayor-President's Youth Advisory Council**.