



Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL 2020-2021 Application

2020-2021 Mayor's Youth Council Application

Mission Statement

The mission of the Mayor's Youth Council is to (1) provide ongoing and direct input on government policies and practices that may affect young people, (2) advocate on issues and initiatives that may impact the lives of young people, (3) recommend and foster initiatives for and by youth, (4) act as a communication link between the local government and the young people of the city of Jackson, (5) promote and recognize the abilities, accomplishments, and contributions of young people in their communities, and (6) organize and participate in service learning projects that benefit the citizens of Jackson.

Who can join the Mayor's Youth Council?

Students in grades 9th -12th for the 2020-2021 school year who reside in the city of Jackson may participate in the program. The Mayor's Youth Council is made up of 25 students, with a minimum of two students from each JPS high school. Applicants from private and parochial schools will be considered if the student lives in the city of Jackson. Students selected for the youth council must maintain a B average in all classes and have a recommendation from school and community leaders.

What does the Council do?

The Council participates in...

- monthly meetings with guest speakers from government and other youth interest organizations
- volunteer projects
- community service
- state wide summit
- city-wide clean ups
- And Much More!!!

Why should I join the Council?

When you join the Council, you can...

- meet new people
- have fun
- volunteer at city activities
- volunteer at community events
- be a voice for the youth of Jackson
- be involved in the community
- learn more about local government
- participate in service learning

Mayor's Youth Council Application Instructions

1. Receive an application from your High School Counselor, the City of Jackson website, or email ksanders@jacksonms.gov
2. **Section I.** Fill in the applicant information completely.
3. **Section II.** Read and sign the student pledge. Have your parent/guardian sign the parent pledge.
4. **Section III.** Answer all the short answer questions in section III.
5. **Section IV.** On a separate sheet of paper, type the responses to section IV. These responses should be typed and double spaced in 12-point font.
6. **Recommendations.** There are two recommendation letters required for each student. These recommendations should be a school administrator, teacher or community leader. They should be emailed from the reference directly to ksanders@jacksonms.gov
7. Students will be contacted by email, mail, and telephone confirmation with your scheduled interview date and time.
8. Once you have completed your application and responses. Staple your information and mail it to the address below or scan and email your application and responses. Please know we are not responsible for lost or delayed applications. It is your responsibility to make sure a completed application is received. All applications must be received as soon as possible.

Please Drop Off Completed Applications in a sealed envelope at the Security Desk with the following information:

City of Jackson
Attn: Keyshia Sanders
219 South President Street
Jackson, MS 39205
Or Email to ksanders@jacksonms.gov

Application Deadline Friday, September 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Applications must be complete or they will not be processed.

Mayor's Youth Council 2020-2021 Membership Application

(Please print clearly)

Section I

Full Name: _____ Current Grade: _____ Gender: _____

School you are currently enrolled: _____

Address where you reside: _____

City: State: Zip Code: _____

Student's Home Phone: _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian's Cell Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian's Email Address: _____

Section II

IMPORTANT! If accepted to Mayor's Youth Council, I am aware of the following requirements:

1. An induction ceremony
2. A team building mini retreat
3. Youth Leadership Summit
3. Community service to include after school and weekends
4. Two meetings per month
5. Committee Meetings

Student Pledge:

I have read and understand the time commitment required. I also understand the importance of team work and service learning. I am able to make the commitment.

Print Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Pledge:

As a parent or guardian of the above named student, I will support his/her efforts to participate in the Mayors Youth Council and will do my best to assist my child with transportation to meetings and other activities as required.

Print Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Section III. SHORT ANSWERS

We want to know more about you. Please thoroughly answer the following questions. Please print your responses to this section. Do not type them.

1. Why do you want to be a Mayor's Youth Council member?

2. What skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative for the Mayor's Youth Council and the City of Jackson?

3. Select three words that best describe you and explain why?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

4. List all clubs, team sports, after-school programs, jobs, or other activities that you will participate in during the 2020-2021 school year.

5. Briefly explain why you think it is important to be dedicated to group project or organization that you choose to participate in.

Section IV. SHORT ESSAY

What issues do you think the youth in the City of Jackson should be addressing and how would you recommend youth address these issues? Write a short essay (350-500 words) presenting at least two issues. Please type on a separate document in size 12 font, double spaced and attach to this application.