



VISION

To encourage active citizenship and community involvement from tomorrow's public service leaders

MISSION

- To provide a path of honest, meaningful, and reciprocal communication between the caring youth of the City of Miramar and the City's leaders
- To provide youth with an understanding of the inner-workings of municipal government
- To cultivate a sense of civic responsibility and public service
- To provide a safe and constructive learning environment
- To encourage and develop effective leadership skills
- To provide real world opportunities for active community service in the City of Miramar
- To acknowledge the civic involvement and contributions of the youth of the City of Miramar
- To learn and seek feedback from our youth regarding contemporary issues affecting the positive development of the youth of the City of Miramar

ORGANIZATION

- The Miramar Youth Advisory Council will be comprised of 14 High School students whose primary residence is in the City of Miramar
- Students in grades 10 through 12 are eligible for participation
- 9th & 10th grade students are encouraged to apply at the end of the school year for participation beginning in their 10th grade year
- Students from each High School consisting of two students from each applicable grade will be chosen for participation
- Students should aspire to assist the City of Miramar in its growth and desire to become a more dynamic and innovative city
- Students shall be involved in research projects and community service initiatives
- Students should be eager to represent their peers to the Mayor, Chief of Police, and other city leaders

MEMBER SELECTION

- Nomination materials will be sent to each High School's Principal and School Resource Officer(s)

- High Schools within the City of Miramar will be invited to nominate students
- Interested Students are encouraged to request nomination through their High School or to self-nominate
- All students are encouraged to present letters of recommendation from their school and community members, who are not relatives
- The Mayor and Police Chief will review all nominations, conduct interviews, and make final recommendations for participation in the Miramar Youth Advisory Council
- Students and parents/guardians must sign travel, medical and photograph authorization forms

SCHOLARSHIP

- Miramar Youth Advisory Council members will be eligible for a Miramar Youth Advisory Council Scholarship
- Council members will be eligible to receive up a \$1,000.00 scholarship in their senior year
- Council members must participate in the Miramar Youth Advisory Council a minimum of 2 years and be in good standing in their Senior year of High School to be eligible to receive any scholarship monies

COUNCIL MEMBER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend orientation
- Attend the (2) two monthly meetings
- YAC Shirt MUST be worn to school on the days of each scheduled meeting
- Participate in research projects, community service programs, sub-committees, and other city/community events and/or meetings upon request
- Attend a minimum of (2) two City Commission Meetings each year in full dress uniform (2 attend each meeting and rotate to cover all commission meetings)
- Prepare reports and make presentations to the Mayor and Police Chief on the council's activities
- Hold public youth meetings to gather input from constituents
- Coordinate with other local and national youth organizations as necessary
- Select council officers
- Maintain minutes of all meetings noting attendance and issues addressed
- Serve as a role model to other youths
- Show proper respect and exhibit orderly conduct at all meetings and events
- Establish goals, work plans, and budgets to address youth concerns
- Identify issues affecting City of Miramar youth
- Advise the Mayor, Commission, and other city leaders on policy issues related to youth concerns
- Provide resources for youth orientated programs and projects
- Promote public awareness of the strengths and abilities of the city's youth
- Connect teens to services and assist the city with the planning of youth activities
- Adhere to dress code as specified in the Board County School Board guidelines

CURRICULUM

- City history, organizational structure and administrative processes
- Municipal policy and budget development
- Public/Private partnerships
- Leadership and productivity improvement

- Conflict resolution and meditation in the public sector
- Administrative and constitutional law
- Leadership development
- Public speaking
- Resume building

ACTIVITIES

- Leadership activities which will provide hands-on leadership development and training; with special emphasis on highlighting the inner-workings of government
- Annual Council Research Project – A research paper written on a relevant topic, chosen by the Mayor and Chief of Police, which explores relevant conceptual, research, and policy issues
- National League of Cities Youth Advocacy Board – Council members will partner with the National League of Cities Youth Advocacy Board (Youthscape, etc.)
- “Inside Government” facilities tours and presentations – Council members will tour various city departments and facilities, and will receive information about their functions and operations in the city
- Service events – Council members will participate in various events, held by the city, which provide assistance and give back to the community (i.e.: holiday tree lighting, ribbon cuttings, Relay for Life etc.)
- Mandatory attendance (on a rotating basis) at all City Commission Meetings as a representative of the YAC
- Mandatory shadowing of a city department (scheduled is coordinated by the students with city department representatives so as not to conflict with school)



APPLICATION

Have you ever wished you could make a difference in your community?

Do you want to learn more about the inner-workings of your municipal government?

Do you believe you would be a good representative of your peers?

If you answered “YES” to these questions and are a **resident of the City of Miramar**, then we would like to invite you to apply to be a member of the Miramar Youth Advisory Council. The Miramar Youth Advisory Council was created to encourage active citizenship and community involvement in the city’s youth, who will be the public service leaders of tomorrow. If you will be in the **9th or 10th grade at the start of the 2019-2020 school year**, please complete this application.

Please type or print clearly (in black ink). You may attach additional sheets as necessary. All areas must be completed in order for this application to be considered for membership. **You MUST also attach two (2) letters of recommendation to this application from a teacher, administrator or coach.**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

School: _____ Grade: (2019-2020) _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: (____) ____ - _____ Cellular Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / _____

Please check all that apply

- I understand and meet all of the requirements of the position.
- I have read and understand all of the duties and responsibilities of the position.
- I will have available transportation to and from Miramar Youth Advisory Council meetings and events.
- This is a school administration nomination.
- I requested my school administration nominate me for this position.
- I am self-nominating for this position.

List three (3) community issues which are important to you and/or your friends.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are you employed? Yes No If yes, please list the name and address of your employer.

List any other activities you are involved in (e.g. sports, community programs, school or religious groups).

What knowledge, skills, and abilities do you possess which you feel makes you the best candidate for a position on the Youth Advisory Board?

By signing this application, I am stating that the preceding information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

REQUIRED: Please write a 250-500 word, double spaced essay explaining why you wish to serve on the Miramar Youth Advisory Council. Attached additional sheets as necessary.

This section is to be completed by the applicant's parent or guardian

I give my permission for _____ to participate in the Miramar Youth
Advisory Council. Applicant Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Emergency Contact Name: _____ (____) ____ - _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____