



CITY OF
PITTSBURGH
 "AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITY"
 LUKE RAVENSTAHL, MAYOR

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

Who is on the Youth Council?

The Mayor's Youth Council consists of two (2) student leaders from each public school located in the City of Pittsburgh, one (1) representative student leader from each religious, parochial, and private high school located City of Pittsburgh, five (5) youth between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) from the community at large, and one (1) from each City Council district who is nominated by the Member of Council representing that district. All members of the Council must be residents of the City of Pittsburgh, and will be appointed by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, subject to the approval of City Council. Each council member is selected through an open application process, and the selection criteria will be based upon a students' proven leadership, community involvement, recommendations from school principals and instructors, and interview.

What is the Mayor's Youth Council?

The Mayor's Youth Council is a body of students ages 14-18 that represent the diverse youth of the City of Pittsburgh. The Council has a clear mission, which is, to serve as the voice of the youth in the City. Thus, the Youth Council works to engage and positively affect youth in the city, as well as, to have the youth's thoughts, concerns, and opinions heard.

Why was the Youth Council created?

On July 25th, 2006 an ordinance passed that established Chapter 178 of the Pittsburgh City Code, which established a Youth Commission and a Youth Council. This was done because Pittsburgh youth are the lifeblood and the future of the City of Pittsburgh and, are thus, an invaluable resource that must be heard from and considered in the decision making process of the City of Pittsburgh and its government.

What kind of a time commitment is the Youth Council?

The Youth Council meets for one and a half (1.5) hours in the City County Building on Mondays 4-5:30 pm, twice a month. In addition to that, Youth Council members are expected to be at Youth Council events, which are held at various times of the day, for varying lengths of time.

What does the Mayor's Youth Council do?

Works to involve youth in social, cultural, recreational and other drug and alcohol free activities.

Serves as a liaison between the Youth Commission and the youth of the city

- The Youth Council advises and assists on matters concerning Youth
- The Youth Council created an extensive document entitled, "Voice of the Youth". This document surveyed hundreds of youth to ensure that their voices were heard in the areas of asking their opinions on various aspects of health and wellness, after school and academic support, post-secondary education, and youth crime and safety
- Participated in Pittsburgh's "Redd Up". Volunteered to help clean up different neighborhoods in Pittsburgh to show that youth have the ability to make an impact in the community
- Distributed toys for the Toys for Tots Foundation.

Affects the positive growth of the youth in the city.

- Created the "Young and the Restless Guide to Summer", A document that provides high school students with summer job and volunteer opportunities so students know how to become involved in positive summer activities.



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Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Mayor's Youth Council Membership Application

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Neighborhood/School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. You may attach up to one additional page.

Why are you applying for the Mayor's Youth Council? _____

Select three words that best describe you and explain why? _____

What activities are you currently involved in (in and out of school)? _____

What issues do you think youth in the City of Pittsburgh should be addressing and how would you recommend that youth address these issues? _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: (if under 18) _____ Date: _____

Please mail, fax or email them to:
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