

Dear Student,

I appreciate your interest in the Mayor's Youth Council. We are seeking applicants for the 2024-2025 school year. The program is free and open to students who live in or attend school in Noblesville, Indiana. The Council will select two eighth graders, and the remaining Council will be high school students. This includes students who attend public schools, private schools, or homeschooling.

The Mayor's Youth Council is looking for students of outstanding character to represent the voice of young people to the city government. The Council will advise the mayor on issues relevant to youth, learn about municipal government and the importance of civic participation, and discuss and educate their peers on council initiatives. Members will volunteer, perform community outreach with local organizations, and organize service projects.

The Council will have regular monthly meetings. In addition, the Mayor's Youth Council may attend events and activities related to their initiatives and responsibilities.

If you're interested in joining the Mayor's Youth Council, we encourage you to submit your application by Sunday, August 11, 2024. You can do this by emailing your application to lrock@noblesville.in.gov or dropping it off at the mayor's office at Noblesville City Hall. If you have any questions about the Council or the application process, please don't hesitate to call the Mayor's Office at 317-776-6324. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Chris Jensen, Mayor

City of Noblesville



The Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) is seeking applicants to lead initiatives and provide a voice for their peers to the city government of Noblesville, Indiana. The selection committee hopes to create a diverse body of dedicated individuals.

#### Selection Criteria

- The council will be composed of students who bring an important voice to the table
- Applications are open to students (2024-2025, grades 8-12) who either reside in the City of Noblesville or who attend a public, private school or homeschool located in the City of Noblesville
- Students must be active in their communities and be dedicated to active participation in the council

#### **Application Requirements**

- 1. Completed Application
- 2. Student and Parent Commitment Agreement
- 3. Letter to Selection Committee
- 4. Letter of Recommendation

All required application materials must be submitted by August 11, 2024, and emailed to <a href="mailto:lrock@noblesville.in.gov">lrock@noblesville.in.gov</a> or dropped at the Mayor's Office, Noblesville City Hall.

Accepted formats: PDF, Word Doc, GoogleDoc

Mayor's Office, Noblesville City Hall 16 S. 10th Street Noblesville, IN 46060 Phone: (317) 776-6324



# 2024-2025 Application

Please complete the following materials legibly and in blue or black ink only.

Full Name	
Date of Birth	
School	
GPA	Year in School
T-shirt Size	

- Mayor's Youth Council will meet twice per month.
- Meetings should last no more than one hour.
- Meetings will be held at Noblesville City Hall in addition to locations determined by the Youth Council.
- For detailed information about the MYC policies and operating procedures, please refer to the MYC bylaws.
- Applicants may be contacted for an interview.

All application materials will remain confidential.



## **Student Commitment Agreement**

Attendance is essential to achieve the objectives of the Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council.

Youth Council members must abide by the following code of conduct:

- Be respectful of themselves and others Uphold the law;
- · Be professional, accepting, and open-minded;
- Listen and consider other people's ideas and feelings;
- Be present, mindful, and engaged;
- Be a team player;
- Do not participate in or allow bullying of any kind;
- Communicate openly and honestly with each other, mentors, City staff, elected officials, and program leaders; and
- Bring a positive attitude to meetings.

I understand the commitment that I am making if I a Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council.	am selected as a member of the
Student Signature	Date
Parental Agre	ement
I recognize that my child is applying to serve on the my full consent for this and all related activities. I u for my child to attend meetings and that excessive a I give permission for my child's photograph to be rethe Mayor's Youth Council.	nderstand the participation requirements absence may result in removal from office.
Parent Signature	
Parent Name	 Phone



### Letter to Selection Committee

Please compose a typed letter introducing yourself. Use this letter to explain why we should select you to represent the voice of your peers. The letter must answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to be a member of the MYC?
- Why are you the best voice for your peers?
- What experience(s) do you bring to the council?
- What clubs or groups are you a member? (Sports, religious groups, clubs, etc.)
- What issues do you believe students can impact in the community and the City of Noblesville and how do you think these issues can be tackled?

### Letter/Email of Recommendation

Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a non-relative employer, teacher, school administrator, non-elected government employee, community leader, athletic coach, or religious advisor. The letter will address how they know the student and can vouch for their character and commitment to their community.

Letters of Recommendation can also be emailed to Lexie Rock at lrock@noblesville.in.gov.