



Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Application

The mission of the City of Gastonia Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is to serve the common good of the community and provide a voice for the city's youth while organizing and participating in constructive community service projects, strengthening relationships among all members of the community, building a noncompetitive spirit between students of Gastonia area schools, promoting youth participation in governmental affairs, and acting as a resource for any city organization upon request.

If you are interested in applying for membership to this Council, please complete and turn in the following application. Completed applications should be submitted by mail to:

City of Gastonia Parks & Recreation Department, Attn:
Lauren Parker, P.O. Box 1748, Gastonia, NC 28053 or email to lauren.parker@gastonianc.gov

Applicant Qualifications:

- **MUST** be a resident of the City of Gastonia
- **MUST** be in grades 9 through 11 at the time of the application (2023-2024 school year)
- **MUST** maintain a GPA of 2.25 or better

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2023

Please type or print clearly. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

ALL information must be completed in order to be considered for the MYLC.

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE (2023-2024 School Year): _____ GRADUATION YEAR: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: _____ PERSONAL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

The City of Gastonia does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, sex, creed, national origin or disability. The requested information is to help facilitate the City of Gastonia's goal of assembling a diverse group. Omitting this information will not affect your application.

RACE or ETHNIC GROUP:

American Indian Caucasian Other, please specify
 African American Middle Eastern _____
 Asian Hispanic

GENDER: Female Male

The MYLC typically has regular meetings on the fourth Monday of every month and special project activities four to six times per year that normally are scheduled in the evenings or on weekends.

Are you willing to attend meetings, events, and activities of the MYLC, and commit to making a difference in our city? Yes No

Are you interested in community service projects? Yes No

Please check all that apply:

I have transportation to get to MYLC meetings and activities
 I have initiated my interest in this program
 I was asked to apply for a position on the MYLC

By whom: _____ Their position: _____

Their organization: _____

Essay Questions (if needed, you may attach additional pages to answer these questions):

Why do you want to serve as a member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?

What are the three most important issues to you, your friends and your family concerning your community:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please list any other activities you will be involved in during your school year. Include employment, sports, community, school and religious groups.

What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?

If you could bring one thing to the City of Gastonia or change one thing, what would it be?

References:

Please list two adult references who are not related to you, and their phone numbers. One should be from your school (principal, guidance counselor, teacher or coach), and one from a community leader who is familiar with you. Attach a letter of recommendation from each individual. The letter must be no more than one page in length and preferably typed.

1. _____ Phone: _____

2. _____ Phone: _____

I have read the Youth Council Guidelines/By-laws and understand the commitment for the City of Gastonia Mayor's Youth Leadership Council. I also realize the importance of teamwork and cooperation and I am willing to make this commitment.*

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*Guidelines/By-laws can be found on the MYLC website: <https://sites.google.com/view/gastonia-mylc> or obtained from the Office of the Mayor.

Parent / Legal Guardian Permission

I give my permission for _____ to seek the position of representative on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council.

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone 1: _____

Relationship to youth: _____ Phone 2: _____