

Dear Student: April 2023

The Mayor's Youth Council is seeking applicants for the 2023/2024 school year. The program is free and open to students who live in or attend school in Noblesville, Indiana. The council will select two 2023/2024 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 perform community outreach and volunteer with local organizations and organize service projects relating primarily to youth.

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.

The application deadline for the 2023/2024 school year is Thursday, June 1, 2023. Please submit your application via email to gmeitzler@noblesville.in.us or drop of the completed application to the Mayor's office at Noblesville City Hall. If you have any questions regarding the Mayor's Youth Council or the application process, please call the Mayor's Office at 317-776-6324.

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 (2023/2024, 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 Thursday, June 1, 2023, and emailed to <a href="mailto:gmeitzler@noblesville.in.us">gmeitzler@noblesville.in.us</a> or dropped at the Mayor's Office, Noblesville City Hall:

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

For questions, please email Michelle Coryell at <a href="mailto:mcoryell@noblesville.in.us">mcoryell@noblesville.in.us</a>.



## 2023/2024 Application

Please complete all fo	ollowing ma	aterials legibly an	nd in blue or bla	ick ink.	
Name					
First		Middle	La	Last	
Home Address					
Street		City	State	Zip	
Contact Info					
Phone Number			Email		
DOB					
MM/DD/YYYY	School				
Gender	GPA			2023/2024	

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 at <a href="https://www.cityofnoblesville.org/myc">www.cityofnoblesville.org/myc</a>
- Applicants may be contacted for an interview

All submitted materials will remain strictly confidential and will be destroyed once selections are made.



### **Student Commitment Agreement**

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

Parent Name

- 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
- Bring a positive attitude to meetings

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

Phone (Emergency)



#### **Letter to Selection Committee**

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

- What experience(s) do you bring that could benefit the council?
- What groups do you represent? (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?

If you would like to share more with us, please consider the following optional questions:

- What sets you apart from your peers?
- What are your hobbies?
- Why do you want to be a member of the MYC?
- Why are you the best voice for your peers?
- If you could change something about your generation, what would it be and why?

Attaching a resume is optional

#### Letter of Recommendation

Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a non-relative employer, teacher, school administrator, non-elected government employee, non-elected community leader, athletic coach, religious advisor, who knows the student and can vouch for the student's character and commitment in his/her community.