Dear Student: 

The Mayor’s Youth Council is seeking applicants for the 2021/2022 school year. The program is free and open to students who live in or attend school in Noblesville, Indiana. The council will select two 2021/2022 eighth graders and the remaining council will be high school students. This includes students who attend public schools, private schools, or homeschooled students.

The Mayor’s Youth Council is looking for students of outstanding character to represent the voice of young people to 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 meetings twice per month. In addition, the Mayor’s Youth Council may attend events and activities related to their initiatives and responsibilities.

The application deadline for the 2021/2022 school year is Monday, May 24th, 2021. Please submit your application via email to noblesvilleyouthcouncil@gmail.com or drop off 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 in the city and provide a voice for their peers to the city government of Noblesville, Indiana. The selection committee hopes to create a diverse body of individuals who are dedicated to expressing youth voice.

**Selection Criteria**
- The council will be composed of a diverse group of students who each bring an important voice to the table
- Applications are open to students (2021/2022, grades 8-12) who either reside in the City of Noblesville or who attend a public or private school 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 May 24th, 2021 and emailed to noblesvilyouthcouncil@gmail.com or dropped off to the Mayor’s office at Noblesville City Hall. For questions, please email Kevin Sears at the address below.

Kevin Sears - Mayor’s Office  
16 S. 10th Street  
Noblesville, IN 46060

ksears@noblesville.in.us  
Phone: (317) 776-6324
2021/2022 Application

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

Name___________________________________________________________
  First          Middle          Last

Home Address ____________________________________________________
  Street        City        State        Zip

Contact Info ______________________________________________________
  Phone Number      Email

DOB ___________      _____________________________
  MM/DD/YYYY      School

Gender ________    GPA ________

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 www.cityofnoblesville.org/myc
  ● 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
- 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 am selected as a member of the Noblesville Mayor’s Youth Council

________________________________________ _____________
Student Signature  Date

Parental Acknowledgment

I recognize that my child is submitting an application to serve on the Noblesville Mayor’s Youth Council. 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 absences may result in removal from office.

I also give my permission for my child’s photograph to be released in any promotional materials for the council.

_________________________________________ _____________
Parent Signature  Date

_________________________________________          ______________________
Parent Name  Phone (Emergency)
Letter to Selection Committee

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

- What experiences do you bring that could benefit the council?
- Which 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, government employee, community leader, athletic coach, religious advisor, who knows the student and can vouch for the student’s character and commitment to the program and involvement in his/her community.