

Mapleton Youth City Council Application 2016

What is Youth Council?

The Youth City Council is modeled after the City Council, but is administered by the youth of our community. The Council was created to give youth an opportunity to serve their community, represent the youth of Mapleton, and learn leadership skills. An Executive Committee is appointed to run the council. The council year starts in February of 2016, and runs through January of 2017.

Who oversees the Council?

Volunteer, parent advisers select the council members and oversee the meetings and activities. The number of youth on the council needs to be limited so that it can be a meaningful experience for every member. Therefore, we cannot accept every student who applies. Selection is based on students' experience and ideas as well as a balance of age groups and genders. We understand that many youth are very busy, so please consider if you realistically have time to devote to the council this year. If you have any questions please call Lori Jenkins 801-491-3454 (801-885-2841) Chair, or Diane Cooper 801-361-6403 Advisor.

What are the requirements?

- ⤴ Student is currently a 9th – 11th grader and a resident of Mapleton City
- ⤴ Be committed to attend all meetings. **Meetings will generally be held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the city building with other events scheduled as needed.** We usually have at least one additional project during the month that will require your time and service. Executive Committee planning meetings start earlier at 7:00pm.
- ⤴ **Be aware that if you miss more than 20% of the meetings, you will forfeit your position on the council. If you are involved with a lot of sports that may fall on Thursday nights, please consider if you can make the time commitment.**
- ⤴ Your time commitment will be approximately 4-5 hours a month. We work hard, play hard, and learn for each other as we give back to those around us.
- ⤴ Have access to email and check it regularly
- ⤴ You will need to order a \$15 T-Shirt if you don't already have one
- ⤴ Be in charge of a day camp that is tentatively planned for M-F May 30th-June 3rd from 10am-12pm.

What are some of the annual events we serve at each year?

- ⤴ Swearing In at the City Council Meeting, Meet the candidate night
- ⤴ Bowls for Humanity, Utah county food bank
- ⤴ Week long Kids Day Camp for children in Mapleton City
- ⤴ 24th of July parade and Ball Drop
- ⤴ Moonlight Half-Marathon
- ⤴ Senior Yard Sale
- ⤴ Mapleton Winter Ball

Application Process—**Applications due at Mapleton City Office on Thursday, January 7th by 5:00pm**

- ⤴ Complete Application
- ⤴ Submit a recent photo of yourself
- ⤴ Include two references

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4th at 7:30 pm at the Mapleton City Council Room. We will send out emails by February 1st to tell you if you have been accepted.

I, _____ will be a committed and contributing member of the Council. To insure my place on the council, I will attend at least 80% of all activities. If unable to attend a meeting or an activity, I will ask to be excused by one of the advisers by phone or in person before the meeting. I will check my email weekly for updates.

To the parents of the applicant:

I have read the application and **I completely support my child in his/her desire to serve on the Mapleton Youth City Council. I will assist in any way possible to ensure that my child fulfills his/her commitments.**

Parent Signature (Required)

Date

Parent's Email

Student Signature

Date

Student's Email

A. Name _____ Parents Names _____

Address _____

City _____ Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Can you receive texts? Yes No

Can you access the Youth Council Facebook page? Yes No

Current Grade _____ (Grades 9, 10 or 11 only) GPA _____

Date of Birth _____ Male or Female

Served previously on Youth City Council? Yes No Number of years? _____

Do you need to purchase a t-shirt? _____ Size? SM MED LRG XLRG

Please list the other extra curricular activities that you are involved in throughout the year? What conflicts will you have with our Thursday night meetings and how often will they occur?

Are you involved in school student government? What position?

If you are currently a Junior or Sophomore, would you like to serve on the Executive Committee? Be aware that you would need to come to meetings early at 7:00pm. What position could you fill? List all that you would be willing to serve in.

Mayor (conducts meetings, oversees all Executive Committee mtgs, sends email communication to council)

5 Committee Chairman (oversee 2 activities, plan a day of day camp, oversee your 6 committee members)

Secretary (takes attendance and prepares lists of members)

Historian/Recorder (takes minutes, keeps history and scrapbook)

Publicity (keeps up bulletin board, sends articles to newspapers, updates Facebook page)

Photographer (takes photographs of activities to put on fb, bulletin board, scrapbook and slideshow)

Please list two references:

1. Name _____ Phone No. _____

2. Name _____ Phone No. _____

B. Please include a recent photo of yourself.

C. Would your parent be willing to be a leader, or be a substitute leader when needed?

D. Essay Questions—submit hand written or typed

Why do you want to serve on the Mapleton Youth City Council?

What abilities, qualities, or experience do you have that would help you to contribute to the Council?

What would you like to see the Council achieve this year?

What ideas do you have for activities?

Can you think of some possible **issues** or **causes** that the Council could support? (ie: no texting while driving, honoring veterans, etc.)

If you have been on the council before, what did you find meaningful in previous years? What do you think we could do better? If not on the council before, how did you find out about MYCC?