

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

2017-2018

"Every day, in local arenas all the way to the White House, adults sit around and decide what problems youth have and what youth need, without ever consulting us."

- Jason Warren, New York City Youth Force

The **purpose** of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is to give young people the tools, training and trust to apply their creativity and energy to effect change in their own lives and in the future of their neighborhoods, communities, cities and states.

Are you interested in having your voice heard in local government? If so, the Ammon Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is the place for you. MYAC members participate in leadership activities, community service projects, and social events designed to help shape the Ammon youth community. MYAC provides participants the necessary skills, experience, and confidence to succeed and exceed in the future.

"We look forward to the enthusiasm, perspective, and contribution the youth have to offer our community. In the coming years we look to the Youth Advisory Council to lead our City in new and innovative directions. It will be a privilege to serve alongside this valuable group of citizens."



Mayor's Youth Advisory Council 2017-2018 Application Form

Applicants **MUST** be entering grades 9 through 12 in the fall of 2017.

Please print clearly. **ALL** information must be completed in order to be considered for the MYAC.

Name: _____ Age: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s) and Phone Number(s): _____

How did you learn about the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)?

Please tell us a little about you. List activities in which you are involved, including employment, sports, community, school, service, etc.

What do you view as the most critical issue facing youth in Ammon and how should the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council address that issue?

Describe why you should be selected to be an Advisory Council member and what you hope to accomplish for other youth that you represent.

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What are the three most important issues to you, your friends and your family concerning your neighborhood?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If you could bring one thing to this city or change one thing, what would it be?

Define leadership. What leadership opportunities have you had in the past?

After graduating from high school, what are your academic and/or career goals?

Are you willing to commit to attend meetings, events, and activities of the Youth Advisory Council for one year and commit to making a difference in our city?

Yes

No

Please list one adult reference (non-relative) and ask them to complete and submit the attached Recommendation Form.

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Relationship:

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Student Participation and Attendance Commitment

I have read and understand the commitment required for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. I also realize the importance of teamwork and cooperation and I am willing to make this commitment.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgment

I understand that my child is pursuing involvement in the City of Ammon's MYAC and has my full permission and consent to participate in all related activities.

I am aware of the attendance requirements for my child. I am aware my child must submit the completed application and one signed Recommendation Form from a high school teacher or official to the City of Ammon

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

By signing this application, you agree to allow the use of your child's photograph and release of the above information for promotional purposes of the program (as require by the Public Information Act).

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The following pages are for you to keep.

Qualifications for Membership

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must live in the City of Ammon.
- Grades 9 – 12 for the school year in which appointed.

Additional Application Requirements:

- Submittal of completed Application Form.
- Submittal of Student and Parent Acknowledgement Form.
- Submittal of Recommendation Form.

Application Instructions

1. Complete the entire MYAC application, including the Student Participation Commitment and Parental Acknowledgment Forms and Recommendation Form. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.
2. Submit the completed application to the City of Ammon by one of the following methods:
 - a. E-mail – dkirkham@cityofammon.us
 - b. Drop off or Mail – Ammon City Hall – MYAC, 2135 S Ammon Road, Ammon, ID 83406
 - c. Fax – Attn: MYAC 208-612-4009
3. After the applications have been processed, select students will participate in small group interview sessions at which time students' interest in local government and ability to fully participate in the program will be evaluated. It is anticipated that students selected for interviews will be notified by phone.
4. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Belfield at 208-612-4015 or jbelfield@cityofammon.us.

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Student Participation Agreement

Meeting Information

Members are expected to commit to attending all of the monthly MYAC meetings and participate in community opportunities and projects. The meetings will focus on enhancing your leadership skills, knowledge of local government, as well as any assigned tasks.

Meetings will usually be held at Ammon City Hall at 2135 S Ammon Road, from 7 – 8 pm.

2017 Calendar

- April 21 – Deadline for Applications
- August 5 - Ammon Days
- September – MYAC Team Building Day
- September – Firefighter Challenge
- October – Leadership Training
- October – Council Meeting
- November – Leadership Training
- November – Council Meeting
- December – Holiday Party

2018 Calendar

- January – Leadership Training
- January – Council Meeting
- February – Leadership Training
- February – Council Meeting
- March – Interview Training
- March – Council Meeting
- April – Mayor's Youth Leadership Summit
- April – Council Meeting
- May – Graduation Party
- June – AIC Conference
- August 4 – Ammon Days

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Importance of Attendance

Attendance at monthly MYAC meetings is critical to the success of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and to ensure that each meeting has a reflective representation of the teen community in Ammon. Because enrollment is limited, attendance becomes even more important. Due to the importance of attendance, members are asked to sign a commitment form, acknowledging the following:

- *Failure to attend and participate in meetings and events without notice in advance may result in immediate dismissal from MYAC.*
- *School activities are acceptable absence excuses. Members are required to notify the Secretary and inform of absence due to school activity. Failure to notify will result in an unexcused absence.*
- *Family emergencies are acceptable absence excuses, but verification by a parent may be requested.*

Commitment

I promise to:

- Be a caring citizen, always looking out for and supporting others.
- Respect and listen to those in authority.
- Be considerate of the environment and the property of others.
- Be respectful in my behavior and attitude by not being disorderly, disruptive, or using inappropriate language.
- Choose not to engage in behaviors or acts harmful or offensive to others or myself.
- Always be brave, steadfast, and stand up for and speak up for what is right.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council 2017-2018 Recommendation Form

Please **submit your recommendation electronically** to dkirkham@cityofammon.us by April 21, 2017. You can access an electronic version of this form at www.cityofammon.us, click on "I'm looking for," then click on "Mayor's Office," and the form is under Youth Council. Be sure to save the document and attach it to your e-mail.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) consists of high school students residing in the City of Ammon. MYAC members organize events, serve as liaisons to the Mayor and Ammon City Council, and receive leadership training. MYAC members are required to attend monthly meetings, as well as committee meetings and events. We are looking for dedicated, hard-working, and active youth to fill this opportunity.

The deadline for applications is April 21, 2017.

Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Organization/Affiliation: _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

What would you consider to be the applicant's strengths?

How reliable is the applicant?

Give an example of how this candidate takes initiative and their leadership skills:

Discuss the applicant's ability to effectively communicate with others (peers, adults).

List any special considerations for this candidate:

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this recommendation form.