



# CITY OF ANDERSON MAYOR’S YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to open applications for the 2015-16 Mayor’s Youth Commission Year. The Mayor’s Youth Commission offers students an opportunity to deal directly with elected and appointed city officials, an up-close look at public policy issues, and an opportunity to create and offer a community event for the city of Anderson.

Applicants will be required to attend two meetings per month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays) and pass an interview prior to being accepted into the Mayor’s Youth Commission. MYC members are expected to complete research projects, contribute to policy, and participate in MYC sponsored events. MYC members will receive merit pins and graduating seniors will be gifted medallions for the successful completion of the program.

<u>Upcoming MYC Events</u> <i>(subject to change. TEEN TOWN HALL TBD BY MYC)</i>	
2015-16 MYC Application Due	June 8
Crash Course 101 – City Council Meeting , 7 p.m.	July 9
Crash Course 102 – City Hall Day, Mayor Smith, City Clerk Ashley, and other Dept. Heads	July 13
Swear-In Ceremony and Meet & Greet	August 3
Introduction to Local Government, Prof. Waite, Ball State University	August 17
Labor Day- No Meeting	September 5
Election Day, Choose Your MYC President	September 21
Local and National Government, Congresswoman Susan W Brooks or Rep	October 5
Community Service Workshop, City officials	October 19
Crash Course – City Council Meeting	November 12
TBD	November 16
Christmas Party	TBD

This year, MYC will focus on the following curriculum areas:

- Research Projects: Subject TBD
- Local Leaders Forum
- Community Project
- Teen Town Hall – Relationship Building and Youth Representation Events.

Please be sure to turn in your applications no later than June 15, 2015 and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

I also welcome appointments to meet in person. (765) 648-6000 | [cturner@cityofanderson.com](mailto:cturner@cityofanderson.com).

Let’s work together to make this the best year ever!

**Mission Statement**

*“It is our responsibility as members of the Mayor’s Youth Council to carry out the will of the youth of Anderson, to influence a new perspective to understand the idealisms of local government, and to further better our community.”*



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The vision for the Mayor's Youth Commission is to empower caring youth dedicated to personal development and servant leadership. If you are interested in applying for a membership to the Commission, please complete the following application. Applicants **MUST** be in grades 9 through 12 and attend school in the City of Anderson. Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink. You may attach additional sheets if necessary. **ALL** information must be completed in order to be considered for the Mayor's Youth Commission. This application is due by **June 8, 2015.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

I have transportation to get to Youth Commission meetings/events.

I initiated my interest in this program.

I was asked to apply for this position.

By whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, political affiliation or any kind of disability. The following information is not required. It is requested to facilitate the Commission's goal of assembling a diverse group. Omitting this information will not affect your application.

Race or ethnic group:  American Indian  African American  Asian  
 White  Middle Eastern  Hispanic  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female  Other Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions. Your responses should be typed and should not be longer than one page total. Your responses should be able to show the application review board your personality and character, as well as your interests and abilities. You have the option of either answering all of the following questions individually or together in an essay format.

1. Why are you applying for the City of Anderson Mayor's Youth Commission and what are your expectations from the Commission?
2. What leadership positions have you held, whether it be in school or in the community?
3. What have you done to give back to the City of Anderson area and in what areas do you see a need for improvement?
4. Why should the application review board choose you to represent the youth of Anderson?
5. The City of Anderson Mayor's Youth Commission requires a full year time commitment with numerous activities that will require more than just attending meetings. Please state your current and future activities for the 2015-2016 academic school year including extracurricular activities (i.e. sports and fine arts) as well as places of employment.

Are you willing to attend the meetings, events, and activities of the Mayor's Youth Commission for one year and commit to making a difference in the City of Anderson?

Yes  No

\*Meetings are typically held twice per month, every other Monday from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Are you interested in community service points/hours for this project?

Yes  No

Are you willing to complete the Mayor's Youth Commission annual research project?

Yes  No

\*\*Research projects consists of the Commission looking deeper into a chosen issue and requires a 3-5 page report to be written on the chosen issue. The report will then be presented to the Commission as well as selected city officials at the end of each academic school year. This project is essential for the Commission and is a key factor in deciding whether a member successfully completes the Commission.

Please list two adult references (non-relatives). One of these individuals should be a school based personnel and the other must be a community member who is familiar with you. You

**must** also attach letters of recommendation from these individuals. The letters must be no more than one page in length and typed; **these letters should be placed in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature over the seal** (this is for confidentiality purposes only and confirms that only the recommender has seen the letter before the application review board opens it).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission: I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to seek a position in the City of Anderson Mayor's Youth Commission.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to youth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to Apply: June 8, 2015**

- Mail to: City of Anderson- Jason Kabir, MYC President, 120 East Eighth Street, Anderson, IN 46016

Or

- Submit your application at your school office no later than 1:45 p.m. on June 8, 2015. A Mayor's Youth Commission Representative will collect them at that time.

\*If chosen to represent Anderson on the Mayor's Youth Commission, you will be notified of an interview date by June 15.