Are you a high school student in Charleston County who wants to make a difference in the community?

You are invited:
Apply to Become a Member of the
Mayor’s Youth Commission
City of Charleston
2019 Membership

Be the voice for youth.
Connect with local government.
Raise public awareness.
Create a positive impact.

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Who We Are:

- The Mayor’s Youth Commission (MYC) is composed of 20 members who represent the youth of Charleston County. Members are 9th-12th grade high school students who are in good academic standing at their public or private high schools in Charleston County.

- Members are selected to serve a one-year term from March 2019 to March 2020.

What We Do:

- MYC convenes bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth, and Families to meet with MOCYF staff.

- MYC convenes bi-monthly on the 3rd Monday for meetings with the Mayor.

- All meetings are typically held in the evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

- Members are encouraged to provide their leadership, input, and ideas about how we can best combat community problems. Members offer their perspective, determine strategies, and execute an annual youth summit to empower their peers to take action.

- Throughout the year, members have the opportunity to participate in leadership trainings, team-building activities and community service.

How to Get Involved:

- Complete the attached application.
- Ask your parent and principal to review and sign your application.
- Return your application no later than Friday, February 22, 2019.

Contact information:

Jennifer Gorham
Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families
75 Calhoun Street, Suite 3700
Charleston, SC 29401
Phone: (843) 965-4190
Email: gorhamj@charleston-sc.gov
Mayor’s Youth Commission
2019 Application

Name: _____________________________  Birthday: _____________________________

School: ___________________________  Grade: _____________________________

Phone Number: ______________________  Alternate Phone: ______________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________

Street Address: ___________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________  State: _____________________________  Zipcode: ___________

Do you have reliable transportation to and from each meeting?
☐ Yes
☐ No

How do you like to be contacted?
☐ Text Message Notifications
☐ Email Notifications

How often do you check your email?
☐ At least once a day
☐ At least once a week
☐ At least once a month
☐ Kind of irregularly/Not at all
Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible in the space provided:

Why do you want to serve on the Mayor’s Youth Commission?

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List and briefly explain your volunteer activities and experiences.

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What extracurricular activities are you involved in at school?

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List and explain at least three areas of interest and expertise.

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What would you like to do for youth during your term as a Mayor’s Youth Commission member and what unique skills can you bring to the Mayor’s Youth Commission?
ESSAY

In the space provided, write an essay on a current issue facing youth in our community. Explain why this is an issue and provide a solution for it.
I have read and understand all the previous material concerning the Mayor’s Youth Commission and, if selected, I am committed to serving as a Commission member for a one-year term; I will attend all meetings and actively participate in annual Summit preparation. I also understand that if I fail to uphold my obligations I will be terminated from the group.

__________________________________________________________  ________________
Applicant Signature  Date

I give permission for my son/daughter to serve on the Mayor’s Youth Commission and realize that attendance is required at all meetings unless they receive an excused absence. I also understand that if my youth misses three or more meetings without prior notice they can be terminated from the MYC group.

__________________________________________________________  ________________
Parent/Guardian Signature  Date

__________________________________________________________
Parent Name (please print)

I believe this student should be considered to serve on the Mayor’s Youth Commission.

__________________________________________________________  ________________
Principal Signature  Date

Submit your completed application to the following address:
Jennifer Gorham, MOCYF
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