



MAYORS YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Evansville Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is seeking applicants to capture the youth voice in Evansville. The selection committee hopes to create a diverse body of dedicated students.

As a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, you can expect to work as a team with your peers to create solutions for problems facing Evansville youth, participate in service learning projects, and be inspired by local leaders and officials. The council will meet monthly with the possibility of more meetings once a project is selected. In addition, the council may attend community events and activities related to their initiatives and responsibilities.

Selection Criteria:

- Students must be active in their communities and dedicated to active participation in the council.
- Must be enrolled in grades 8-12 for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Must reside in the City of Evansville and attend a public, private school or homeschool located in the City of Evansville.

Things To Note:

- **Submission Deadline is August 25, 2025**
- The general meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from September 2025 to May 2026 from 4:30pm-6:30pm (Additional meetings may be required).
- The Council will meet for community events and volunteer opportunities in addition to the general meetings.
- The council is a nine-month commitment.
- 20 students fill the council (12 spots are open for the 25-26 school year)
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance by September 1, 2025. (The first meeting will be held Thursday September 11)

Application Requirements:

1. Completed Application
2. Student and Parent Commitment Agreement
3. Letter to Selection Committee
4. Letter of Recommendation

Please **mail, email, or drop off** completed applications at the address shown below:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, ATTN: Aariah Leary- Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

1 NW Martin L King Jr Bl, #302, Evansville, IN 47708

Email: aleary@evansville.in.gov

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2025-2026 Application (Student Information)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade (Fall 2025): _____

Home Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Student Commitment Agreement

Youth Advisory Council Members must abide by the following code of conduct:

- Be present, mindful, and engaged.
- Listen, consider, and engage in other people's ideas and feelings.
- Do not participate in or allow bullying of any kind. Demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior is not tolerated.
- Positively represent the council in the community.
- Communicate openly and honestly with each other, mentors, City staff, elected officials, and program leaders.

Attendance is expected, and three or more unexcused absences in the general meetings may result in your removal from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

I have read and understand the application for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. I understand the commitment I am making if I am selected as a member of the council.

Student Signature

Date

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Parental Commitment Agreement

I understand that my child is applying to serve on the Evansville Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. I give full consent for this and all related activities. I understand the participation requirements for my child to attend meetings and that excessive absence may result in removal from the council. I give permission for my child's photo to be taken and used in promotional material related to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Student's Full Name

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Phone

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Letter to Selection Committee

Please compose a typed letter in the space provided below introducing yourself. Use this letter to explain why we should select you to represent the voice of Evansville youth. The letter must include the following:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council?
2. What experience do you bring to the council?
3. What extracurriculars are you involved in? (Athletics, volunteering, clubs, jobs, religious groups, etc.)
4. What is your strongest character attribute that you are going to contribute to the work with others, and why does it benefit Evansville's youth?
5. What is the most important issue facing youth in our community, and how can the City Government and the community address this issue?
6. What do you wish to accomplish as a member of the Mayor's Youth Council?
7. Why is it important to show kindness, and what is one way you currently show kindness in the community?

*There is no length requirement. Please answer all questions in complete sentences.

Letter/ Email of Recommendation

Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult. The reference should be someone familiar with your background and who serves as an advisor/leader of a school and/or community-related organization or club you have participated in. The letter will address how they know the student and can vouch for their character and commitment to the community.

The Letter of Recommendation can also be emailed to Aariah Leary at aleary@evansville.in.gov.

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