

WEST HARTFORD MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

APPLICATION 2022-2023



The West Hartford Mayor's Youth Council is an advisory group of 9th-12th grade students who represent different schools, neighborhoods, backgrounds and interests. They meet from September – May to plan and complete impact projects and work with town departments and organizations to help with local initiatives throughout the year. Meetings and subcommittee work sessions (1 each per month) are held on Tuesdays evenings from 6-7 PM. Students who are interested in civic engagement, community service, and/or activism should complete an application to be considered for appointment. Additionally, a personal essay and letter of reference must be sent to Teen Services Librarian Kari Karp no later than May 31, 2022.

Mayor's Youth Council members will be chosen over the summer by the West Hartford Libraries Teen Librarian, a staff member from the West Hartford Public Schools Administration, and/or a Town Council member based on submitted materials and an in-person or virtual interview.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Graduating Year: _____

Rules and Expectations for Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) Members

Applicants/Members will:

- Complete application process includes 1) application, 2) essay, 3) 1 letter of reference from an adult 4) interview.
- Serve a term of one year and may request to serve a second term.
- Participate and contribute at all meetings and spend approximately 2-3 hours per month completing projects, facilitating events, or working in subcommittees.
- Be allowed one excused absence. (Please note that a position on MYC is a very important commitment. One excused absence is permitted during the year. Otherwise, members are expected to attend all meetings and subcommittee sessions.)

Please answer the following questions.

1. What are your current or previous volunteer experiences?

Volunteer Activity	Approximate Hours Completed	Dates (To/From)
<i>Ex. Mayor's Youth Council</i>	27	2021-2022

2. What would make you a good MYC member? What interests or skills do you possess that will help the group complete community service projects that enhance the quality of life of youth in West Hartford?

3. Which officer position (e.g. chair, co-chair, secretary, social media chair, logo contest chair, subcommittee chair, outreach/recruitment chair) are you interested in and what leadership skills make you an ideal candidate for that role?

4. Indicate your extracurricular commitments (sports, clubs, classes, etc.) that may or may not conflict with your participation with MYC activities.

Activity	M	T	W	T	F
Ex. <i>Mayor's Youth Council</i>		6-7PM			

Parent / Guardian Information

I acknowledge that my child is applying for a position on the West Hartford Mayor's Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Letter of Reference: Please list contact information for one adult (non-family) reference. This individual should e-mail a letter of reference to myc@westhartfordCT.gov by May 31, 2022.

Reference Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Personal Essay: Please complete this essay on a separate sheet of paper (200-500 words, double-spaced). Choose **one** of the topics below.

1. What do you think is the most challenging issue that youth currently face in West Hartford? Discuss in detail how you would recommend that the West Hartford Mayor and Town Council address this issue?

OR

2. What experience do you have working on a project to improve your community or speaking out on youth or community issues?

Applicants should send a **signed and completed application** and **personal essay** to Teen Services Librarian Kari Karp at myc@westhartfordCT.gov no later than May 31, 2022.

References should send their **letter of recommendation** separately to Teen Services Librarian Kari Karp at myc@westhartfordCT.gov no later than May 31, 2022.

Questions? Please visit <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/government-services/boards-commissions/mayors-youth-council> or contact myc@westhartfordCT.gov.