



City of Brookshire Youth Council Application

City of Brookshire Youth Advisory Board & Commission

Ensuring that decisions made for youth, involve youth in the City of Brookshire

Our Purpose:

The City of Brookshire Youth Commission (COBYC) works with the City, community organizations, nonprofits, and private entities to improve the lives of the City of Brookshire's youth. Members of the COBYC:

- Advise the Mayor, City Council, Royal ISD, Brookshire Boys and Girls Club, and other decision-makers on issues relating to young people.
- Comment on legislation and policies that impact youth.
- Create public service programs that improve the lives of youth.
- Monitor and measure the effectiveness of youth programs and policies.
- Partner with neighborhood youth organizations on shared issues.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Bridge gaps between generations.
- Suggest ways for City government to better serve its residents.

Discover • Experience • Lead

Our Mission:

Give a voice to City of Brookshire youth in advising key leadership in the city about policies, programs and actions that affect youth. Through this work, the Commission will be influential in ensuring that decisions that impact young people have been carefully considered and that the youth perspective is incorporated in the process. The Commission will work to bridge the gap between adults and youth, fostering a greater sense of unity, communication and partnership throughout the city.

What We Do:

The Commission represents Brookshire youth in spaces such as public hearings and gives testimony that reflects the youth perspective. We work with the City, non-profits, community organizations, schools and private entities to develop strategies to improve the lives of City of Brookshire youth. The Commission also advises the Mayor, City Council, Royal ISD, and other key decision makers inside and outside of city government.

- Comment on legislation and policies that impact youth.
- Create public service programs that improve the lives of youth.
- Monitor and measure the effectiveness of youth programs and policies.
- Partner with neighborhood youth organizations on shared issues.
- Prepare youth for leadership roles.

Required Qualifications:

- • Between the ages of 12 to 18
- • Must be a resident of Brookshire Texas.
- • Must attend Youth Commission meetings, and at least two event, appearance, or other meeting a month.

Preferred Qualifications/Experience

- • Interest in the welfare of young people.
- • Commitment to enhancing your understanding of leadership and the functions of government.
- • Experience in civic engagement or community service.
- • Good relationship with peers and community members.
- • Ability to work cooperatively in a team.
- • Be a self-starter.

Terms of the Position: This is a non-paying position requiring a minimum of a year-long commitment. Other requirements include attending one meeting a month in City Hall, participating in conference calls, and being involved in community and City events. After the one-year term is complete, the Commissioner may request re- appointment from their appointer or end their term.

Application and Interview Process: Upon receipt of your application materials we will contact you to conduct an initial screening interview. Selected applicants' resumes will be sent to City Council members and the Mayor for possible appointment. From there, each office will have their own process of following up and moving forward with the process. Applications are accepted in an ongoing basis, so selection dates may vary. You must complete all four (4) sections of the application to be considered for a position:

CITY OF BROOKSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

1. **Applicant Summary:** Please provide all the requested information.
2. **Resume:** Please describe your work and educational history; note any relevant experience.
3. **Statement:** 250 or more-word statement describing why you think it is important for youth to be involved in government.
4. **Reference:** You must have two (2) letters of recommendation. Your references can send their letters directly to the office or submit them electronically.

APPLICANT SUMMARY

Name: First _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

District: _____ Councilperson: _____

Age: _____ Ethnicity (optional): _____

School (if applicable): _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Preferred E-mail Address: _____

RESUME

You are required to include a current resume with your application. The resume should reflect your past work history and any school or community activities in which you have been involved. Include the names of all organizations, the title of the organization and the dates of participation.

STATEMENT

In a statement not to exceed 250 words, describe why you believe youth should be involved in government. Also detail what you think you can contribute to the YAC and what you hope to get out of the experience.

REFERENCES

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted.