



Application for the Mayor's Youth Commission

Sioux City, Iowa



Mission: To explore, communicate, and provide for the needs, problems, issues, and activities affecting the City's youth.

Applications for the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission will be accepted through October 31. We will compile the list which will be presented to the City Council at a regular council meeting in December. After that the applicant will receive a welcome letter to the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission from Mayor Scott. All eligible applicants are accepted.

The applicant's term on the Mayor's Youth Commission will begin January 1 and will end on December 31 of their senior year.

Date Application Submitted: _____

Name: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Telephone: _____ May we text you? (Circle One) Yes No

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ (must be in 9th or 10th)

Graduation Year: _____ Student Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

What do you feel are your three strongest qualities?

What do you feel is the biggest problem facing youth today and what do you think the Mayor's Youth Commission can do to address the problem?

What conflicts would you have on Monday evenings between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.?

In order of priority with one being the most important, what school, community organizations, and/or clubs do you belong to? Please estimate your time for each commitment.

School/Community Club or Organization	Time Commitment (hours/week)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

What special interests, hobbies, or skills would you bring to the Mayor's Youth Commission?

Circle all that apply!

Art	Athletics	Critical Thinking
Government	Graphic Design	Leadership
Public Speaking	Video Production	Volunteering
Web Design	Writing	

_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
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The completed application should be postmarked no later than October 31 and should include all of the following information:

- Signed Application
- Signed Good Conduct Policy
- Signed Publicity Release
- Signed Release of Information and Liability Waiver – **RELEASOR (PARENT/GUARDIAN) SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED.** (See page 7 for notary information.)

Please mail completed applications to:

City of Sioux City Clerk's Office
PO Box 447
Sioux City, IA 51102

ADA NOTICE

The City of Sioux City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the City of Sioux City are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Officer, City Hall, 405 6th Street, Room 206, (712)279-6200. This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

GOOD CONDUCT POLICY

Any Mayor's Youth Commission member is covered by the Good Conduct Policy for their term of office with the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission.

Under the Good Conduct Policy, members are expected to display the six pillars of character at all times while present at all Mayor's Youth Commission activities. These six pillars include: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Additionally, under the Good Conduct Policy, members must pledge to respect oneself; respect others and their property; respect diversity among people; share one's feelings honestly; listen carefully to others; respect the environment; and challenge violence in all its forms.

The Good Conduct Policy is in effect year-round, 365 days a year.

Any member will be denied eligibility to participate, and/or face removal, if he or she takes part in the following:

1. Possessing, transporting, selling, using, or engaging in any activities (including those through social media or online) involving alcohol, tobacco, or unauthorized substances as defined in the Iowa Code. Exception of such is only under the direct supervision of the member's parents (only applicable to substances legal to adults under Iowa Code).
2. Commits, or takes part in, a crime punishable by local, state, or federal law, except simple misdemeanors under the Motor Vehicle Code (i.e., speeding ticket, traffic light ticket, etc.). Some, but not all, of the crimes prohibited under the Good Conduct Policy include theft (in all forms), vandalism/property damage, shoplifting, physical violence/battery, and malicious mischief.
3. Engaging in or taking part in any actions or language (whether in-person or online) that may be deemed as discriminatory or hate speech, including those targeting any individual or group by race, religion, ethnicity, sex, gender, disability, sexual preference, economic status, etc.

Violation of any of the above will result in the following:

FIRST STAGE DISCIPLINE: If the first violation constitutes a simple misdemeanor including municipal infraction, the penalty shall be as follows: A single warning will be given to the violator to abstain from said violation and all other violations that one may commit. (single event, multiple simple misdemeanor charges = first offense).

SECOND STAGE DISCIPLINE: For a second simple misdemeanor violation or if the first violation is classified as a serious misdemeanor the penalty is as follows: Removal from the Mayor's Youth Commission and ineligibility to reapply for the Mayor's Youth Commission at a later date. (serious misdemeanor = second offense).

MEMBERS SEEKING HELP: Information received from members and/or parents who voluntarily seek help concerning a member's use/abuse of alcohol and other drugs before being found to be using or in possession of such substances by school or law officials will be maintained in confidence and will not serve as a basis for disciplinary action. However, this does not provide immunity from disciplinary action should the members continue to violate this Policy. The Youth Commission recognizes that individuals may need professional help in dealing with substance

misuse. It is recommended that members who violate the alcohol and other drug policies seek appropriate help and guidance.

DETERMINING OCCURENCE OF VIOLATION: In determining whether a violation has occurred, the Adult Advisors shall employ a "preponderance of the evidence" standard. This standard is satisfied when the decision-maker finds that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred. The Adult Advisors may consider all types of evidence, including hearsay, and shall determine the appropriate weight to be given to each item of evidence. Evidence may include, but shall not be limited to, the member's admission, observation by a member of the Mayor's Youth Commission, Adult Advisors, City Liaison, or City staff, referral to the juvenile court system and/or imposition of a penalty by the court system, including the juvenile intake system. In the event that a situation occurs which is not covered in this policy, the Adult Advisors will provide a ruling based upon the intentions of the policy.

This Policy must be signed by both the member and parent/guardian and returned to acknowledge they have read the Policy, and the member agrees to adhere to this policy while participating as a member of the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Student)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

PUBLICITY RELEASE
(Photo Release, Please Sign)

I give permission for _____ to be photographed and/or interviewed for activities of the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission to be shared in the media and social media as approved by Growing Community Connections.

Student Name (Please Print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND/OR JUVENILE COURT SERVICES:

This is your full and sufficient authority pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 232.147, 232.23, 915.25, 22.7(5) and 22.7(18) to release to the Mayor's Youth Commission City Liaison and/or the Mayor's Youth Commission Adult Advisors and Executive Council Members any information, statements, records, or reports concerning the undersigned member of the Mayor's Youth Commission.

A photocopy, as duly executed, shall have the same force and effect as this original.

Release executed on the _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (student) and _____, parent/legal guardian of student. Parent/legal guardian of student is herein referred to as "Releasor", in favor of the City of Sioux City, Iowa, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Iowa, with its principal place of business at City Hall, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101.

The Releasor hereby expressly releases the City of Sioux City, Iowa and its agents, employees, successors, and assigns including but not limited to the Adult Advisors of the Mayor's Youth Commission, the Law Enforcement Agency providing information pursuant to this release and Juvenile Court Services from all liability for claims and demands arising out of the agreement as set forth below.

Releasor hereby authorizes any Law Enforcement Agency and/or Juvenile Court Services to convey to the City Liaison for the Mayor's Youth Commission any information, statements, records or reports concerning citations, complaints, investigations, detentions or arrests of the undersigned.

Releasor further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Sioux City, Iowa, the Law Enforcement Agency and/or Juvenile Court services, their agents, employees, successors, and assigns from any and all claims and liability for damages, losses, or expenses of any sort arising from the release of the above information, statements, records or reports to the City Liaison for the Mayor's Youth Commission, the Adult Advisors of the Mayor's Youth Commission and/or the Executive Council of the Mayor's Youth Commission.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Student)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Releasor: Parent/Guardian)

LIABILITY WAIVER

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
NOTICE:

This is a legally binding agreement. I understand that by signing this Waiver of Liability, I release and hold harmless Growing Community Connections, the City of Sioux City and the Mayor's Youth Commission and its directors, officers, advisors, employees, agents, volunteers, and all other persons or entities acting for them from any and all claims, demands, suits, cost and charges, in connection with or arising out of the Mayor's Youth Commission program, including but not limited to, personal injury, bodily harm, injury, or property damage occurring while the child below is in their care at Mayor's Youth Commission meetings and activities as well as volunteering at community events. I have read and understand the Mayor's Youth Commission Policy.

Releaser warrants and agrees that they have read and understood the contents hereof, and that they have the right and authority to execute this release.

In witness whereof, Releasor executed this release in the City of _____,
State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Student)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Releaser: Parent/Guardian)

State of _____)
County of _____)ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ on this
(Releasor: Parent/Guardian)
_____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Free notary service available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 405 6th street, Sioux City, IA 51101. Please contact Mary Koster by October 24 at siouxcitymyc@gmail.com if you have concerns about accessing notary services.

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TO BE KEPT BY APPLICANT

SIoux CITY MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION

The mission of the Mayor's Youth Commission is to explore, communicate, and provide for the needs, problems, issues, and activities affecting the city's youth.

OUTCOMES FOR THIS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

- Youth make a positive impact in their community and feel valued.
- Youth develop to their full potential.
- Youth attending leadership sessions increase knowledge and skills.
- Youth participating in community service and activities feel they have made a positive contribution to their community.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Any student enrolled in a Sioux City high school, residing in Sioux City but attending a school outside of Sioux City, or residing in Sioux City and being homeschooled, is eligible for membership of the Mayor's Youth Commission.

APPLICATION:

Applications are available in school offices and in the City Clerk's office during the month of October. Eligible students must complete an application by October 31st and shall be approved and appointed by the City Council from recommendations made by Growing Community Connections.

TERMS:

Students may serve on the Mayor's Youth Commission for a term not to exceed three (3) years. Terms shall commence on January 1st and terminate December 31st. All new appointees shall be at least a ninth grader/freshmen, and not yet an eleventh grader/junior for the school year in the year of their appointment. The Executive Council will review applications by eleventh graders/juniors who were unable to make application in their freshman or sophomore year. Recommendations to appoint juniors shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

REQUIREMENTS:

Chapter 21 of the Iowa Code requires all City Council-appointed Board, Commission, and Committee members to complete a training course regarding the Open Meetings and Open Records Law within 90 days of taking office. New appointees are required to provide a record of completion of the training to the City Clerk's Office. Information will be provided upon appointment to the Commission.

Executive Council and members shall attend ten (10) activities or meetings and shall follow the Good Conduct Policy.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

Meets generally on the first Monday of every month from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at City Hall, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

The management and administration of the affairs of this organization shall be by an Executive Council consisting of no more than twenty (20) members who have served for at least one year on the Youth Commission and who are selected by their peers. The duties of the Executive Council are to: (a) approve the plans of work of the planning department; (b) elect officers annually; (c) approve bylaw changes; and (d) make an oral presentation annually to the City Council to update it on all Mayor's Youth Commission activities.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Meets generally on the third Monday of every month from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at City Hall, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

- Hospitality Department: The Hospitality Department Directors provide interactive activities for the students at the meetings. At meetings they will greet members and visitors, manage commission and visitor check-in, and ensure members and guests are welcome. They attend meetings and participate in volunteer community service projects.
- Project Department: Project Department Directors organize projects from beginning to conclusion. They attend meetings and participate in volunteer activities and community service projects.
- Young Ambassador Department: The Young Ambassador Department Directors organize the Young Ambassador Ceremony in September and help the Young Ambassadors get acclimated to the Mayor's Youth Commission. These Directors help facilitate the Young Ambassador portion of the MYC program when necessary. They attend meetings and participate in volunteer activities and community service projects.

The Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission is sponsored by the City of Sioux City, Iowa, in cooperation with Growing Community Connections.