



**Wisconsin Rapids Mayor's Youth Council
Application Form**

Deadline: September 30, 2020

Name _____ Phone _____

School _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

Mailing Address _____ City & ZIP _____

E-mail _____ Contact Preference: Facebook Text Email

Parent/Guardian _____ Daytime Phone Number _____

Alt. Parent/Guardian _____ Daytime Phone Number _____

E-mail Address(es) _____

List Any Standing Scheduling Conflicts & Specify by Season _____

A: Answer the following question: (please attach answers to this application on a separate page.)

In your opinion, what is the most critical problem facing youth in your school, in your neighborhood, and/or in your City? What can a Youth Council do to solve such a problem?

B: Choose two of the following three questions and answer: (please attach answers to this application on a separate page)

- 1) What opportunities do you see in the Wisconsin Rapids area?
- 2) Describe one thing you would change about our community, if you could?
- 3) How would you describe Wisconsin Rapids to someone who was not from around here?



Dear Parent:

We encourage your child to apply for the Wisconsin Rapids Mayor's Youth Council. The purposes of the Mayor's Youth Council are:

1. To familiarize, orientate, and involve youth with the various functions of City government. With these experiences come opportunities for students to see first-hand how city departments and officials carry out their duties and responsibilities, i.e. they will see and experience democracy in action;
2. To provide opportunities for Youth Council members to identify, select, and carry out community service projects that improve the quality of life for residents;
3. To provide opportunities for Youth Council members to build skills and gain awareness in areas related to professional development, e.g. resume building, interviewing, public service and public speaking; and
4. To have fun while learning about and making a difference in Wisconsin Rapids!

Information provided on the application will be held in confidence. Applicants selected to serve on the Wisconsin Rapids Mayor's Youth Council will be notified in writing. By signing this application, the applicant and parent/guardian acknowledge that he/she understand the requirements stated therein, including attendance policies.

Transportation

Please check the appropriate box –

Yes, my child may drive or ride with another student or advisor

No, my child may not drive or ride with another student or advisor

Parent/Legal Guardian

I hereby grant my permission for the student named on the application to apply for the Wisconsin Rapids Mayor's Youth Council, and if selected, to participate in the program:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date



Attendance Policy

- The Mayor's Youth Council is set to meet a minimum of once every month September – August.
- The success of this program depends on the commitment of each member to attend meetings on a regular and punctual basis, except for excused absences, e.g. sickness, school functions (band, athletic membership, cheerleading), and/or family vacation.
- Transportation is the responsibility of each Youth Council member and cannot be excused except in unusual and/or emergency situations.

References

Give at least one Reference Form to a reference of your choice, e.g. principal, coach, counselor, teacher, family friend, or faith leader.

Please submit completed reference forms with your application by email: mayor@wirapids.org or by mail to:

City of Wisconsin Rapids
Attn: Mayor's Office
444 West Grand Ave.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Check List

_____ Application completed and signed by applicant

_____ Parental permission signed by a parent/legal guardian

_____ Reference form(s) submitted



Wisconsin Rapids Mayor's Youth Council Reference Form

Name of Applicant _____

Thank you for agreeing to submit a reference for the applicant. The Mayor's Youth Council consists of 15-25 participants from ninth through twelfth grades. The Advisory Committee aspires to encourage students from diverse backgrounds and leadership abilities to apply, particularly those who could benefit personally and grow with the program. The objectives of the Mayor's Youth Council are as follows:

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- To provide opportunities for Youth Council members to identify, select and carry out community service projects that improve the quality of life for residents;
- To provide opportunities for Youth Council members to build skills and gain awareness in areas related to professional development (ex: resume building, interviewing, public service and public speaking).
- To have fun while learning about and making a difference in Wisconsin Rapids!

Name of Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Organization/Affiliation: _____

1) For how long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?

2) What do you consider the applicant's primary interests, talents, and strengths?

3) Describe the applicant's relationships with peers.

4) In what way has the applicant shown interest in making the community a better place?

Signature of Reference

Date