



Purpose and Expectations of the Mayor's Youth Council for the City of Wisconsin Rapids

Mission

To provide youth with the opportunity to weigh in on community issues and become more informed with City government.

Vision

To empower caring youth dedicated to personal development and servant leadership.

Meetings

- Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise agreed to by the membership.
- Mayor's Youth Council meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m.
- Notification of Meetings:
 - Members are supplied with a yearly calendar including all Council meeting dates.
 - E-mails/other communication reminders are sent out at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Reminder notifications will include the date, time and place.
 - A failure to receive reminder notification(s) is not a valid excuse for failure to attend.

Membership

Criteria:

MYC members shall either reside in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, attend community schools, or shall be any other individual selected by the Mayor, upon receipt of a completed application.

Membership

- Members shall consist of students ranging from grades 9 to 12.
- Membership terms are two years. Reapplication is required for membership after a term has been served.

New Members

All new members shall be required to fill out an application. All new members will be selected by the Mayor.

Membership Agreement

Members shall agree to:

- Represent youth and the City of Wisconsin Rapids in a professional manner either in public or during meetings.
- Maintain mutual respect for themselves, other Mayor's Youth Council members and advisors.
- Maintain acceptable, passing grades.
- Contact and notify in writing the office of the Mayor if a member decides to step down and withdraw their membership.
- Abide by Attendance Rules.



Decision-Making

Council decisions (such as project selection and planning) will be made based on majority of people in attendance at the meeting.

Project Working Groups

Project-based committees are based on interest and need, with consideration given to creating equitable membership among all. All members must belong to at least one project committee each year.

Attendance

In order to maintain a level of fairness to every member who attends regular meetings, it is important for members to make an honest effort to commit to attendance at MYC meetings.

Members must attend all meetings. In the case of an absence, member must notify the Mayor's Office a minimum 24 hours prior to meeting.

Unexcused Absences: An unexcused absence shall be any meeting not attended without proper notice. The first unexcused absence will be followed with a letter or email to absentee. A second unexcused absence will result in a letter of warning sent to absentee. Upon the third unexcused absence, membership of absentee is automatically revoked for the remainder of the term.