



## **Eugene Youth Advisory Council**

### **Application Information**

### **Application Deadline: May 29, 2023**

Are you a City of Eugene youth interested in:

- Having your voice heard in city government?
- Learning more about the Eugene community?
- Making an impact on youth in Eugene?
- Developing leadership skills?

You are invited to apply to become a member of the Eugene Youth Advisory Council (YAC)!

The YAC is a group of 20 to 25 high school age youth enrolled in grades 9-12 (or equivalent) who commit to improving their community and developing as leaders. The activities of the YAC will vary from year to year based on issues and ideas surfaced by members, however examples of these activities include:

- Educate the general public about issues that concern Eugene's youth
- Participate in decisions regarding public issues and proposals that have an impact on youth
- Work with local government officials and community organizations to create civic engagement and service opportunities for local youth
- Advise City government on issues impacting youth and other policies the City is considering

Requirements:

- City of Eugene resident, high school age. Students who attend a high school in Eugene but do not live in the city limits may also apply. Must be in at least 9<sup>th</sup> grade (or equivalent) in Fall of 2023.
- Willing to work and be open to learning; desire to make a positive difference for youth in Eugene and for the community as a whole.
- Previous leadership experience is not required.
- One in-person monthly meeting of approximately 2 hours (currently the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm, but subject to change), plus additional committee work outside of meetings. Applicants are invited but not required to serve as members until the end of their Senior year. Applicants are encouraged to contact staff if you see barriers to your participation or accessibility considerations so we can work to resolve these.
- Please visit the [YAC website](#) for bylaws, which contain additional information on being a member

Application process:

- Submit the application, including a recommendation letter from an adult, to Jason Dedrick via email [Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov](mailto:Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov).
- Applicants may be invited to a Zoom or phone interview.
- Members will be selected based on their potential to positively contribute to the Advisory Council's work and their capacity to represent the diversity of Eugene's youth community.

For any questions about the YAC, please contact:

Jason Dedrick - City of Eugene City Manager's Office

Email: [Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov](mailto:Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov) / Phone: 541-682-5033

# Eugene Youth Advisory Council Application

To apply for the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), you must be attending a Eugene high school or GED program and able to commit to at least one year of monthly meetings. **No previous leadership experience is required.** Application forms should be submitted via e-mail to [Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov](mailto:Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov).

## **Part 1: Personal Information**

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Name:

Email:

Street Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

School attending for 2023-2024 school year:

HS Grade for 2023-2024 school year (i.e., 10<sup>th</sup>):

Gender/Gender Identity:

Ethnicity (mark all that you identify with):

- American Indian or Alaska Native    Asian  
 Black or African American    Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin  
 Middle Eastern or North African    Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White    Another race/identity \_\_\_\_\_    Prefer not to answer

## **Part 2: Questions**

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Please be specific as you answer these questions in complete sentences. Your answers help us get to know you and learn about your aspirations and perspective. You can type directly in this document or type the answers in a separate document and attach them to your application. There is no word or page limit, but please be as brief as possible.

1. Why would you like to serve as a member of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC)?

2. What kind of perspectives or life experiences could you bring to the YAC (e.g., experience with bullying, not feeling included or like you fit in, being unhoused, experience with city services, etc.)



3. How will serving on the YAC help you achieve your future goals?

4. The YAC gives youth a platform to make changes in the city. If selected to be on the council, which specific issues pertaining to the city would you like to address? How would you address them?

5. The City of Eugene is committed to advancing racial equity in city government and the community. What are your ideas about applying anti-racism and social justice principles as a member of the YAC?

**Part 3: Adult Recommendation**

Please ask an adult who knows you well and is not your parent, to complete the attached recommendation. It could be a teacher, coach, employer, family friend, relative or someone else. You can turn the recommendation in with your application or ask them to send in the recommendation separately.

**Eugene Youth Advisory Council  
Adult Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of youth) is applying to participate in the City of Eugene Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The YAC is seeking youth who have the motivation, maturity, and interest in being the voice of Eugene’s youth and availability to commit to monthly meetings. The YAC is intended as a development opportunity, so previous leadership experience is not required.

Please help us learn more about this individual by composing a few paragraphs that express why you feel they would be a strong and unique candidate to be a member of the YAC. Please include how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity. Feel free to share whatever details would be helpful, but some suggestions might be your assessment of their leadership potential and their demeanor in a professional environment.

**Information about the Adult Recommender** (in case we have a follow-up question):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:**

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