



Mayor's Youth Action Council
City of Manitowoc

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Mission:

The Mayor's Youth Action Council (MYAC) is dedicated to empowering Manitowoc's diverse youth by continuously improving unity and engagement through government and civic participation. We strive to raise awareness within our community and develop a sense of pride among our peers.

Purpose:

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

Composition/Roles:

- Up to 5 youth in grades 9 through 12 from each of the 3 high schools in the City of Manitowoc; Lincoln High School, Manitowoc Lutheran High School, and Roncalli High School
- Members are appointed to two-year terms (unless senior at beginning of term); those wishing to continue past the first term must re-apply after the first term has expired
- Each class will elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Relations Coordinator
- Each meeting will be co-led by the President and Vice President

Eligibility:

- Must reside in the City of Manitowoc OR attend a school in the City of Manitowoc
- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or other activities within the community
- Express an interest in learning more about their community
- Be open-minded and willing to work with their peers
- Commit to an annual term from September – May

Timeline:

- Remaining members from the previous year's class will meet in August to determine needs of this year's class; the application will be opened August 1st
- The deadline to apply will be September 9th
- Application review will be done by MYAC members September 10th-12th
- In-person interviews will be scheduled September 15th-22nd, and final selection will be done within days after interviews
- First Youth Action Council meeting/orientation session will be held during the week of September 27th-30th
- Final Youth Action Council meeting/farewell session will be held in early June

Responsibilities:

- Attend the orientation session
- Attend and participate in regular monthly meetings during the 9-month term (September to May)
- To act as an advisory body to the Mayor and Committee of the Whole on matters which have an impact on youth in Manitowoc
- To identify, bring forward, and advocate for issues which will have an impact on Manitowoc youth and foster a positive image of youth in our community by participating actively in community events and activities in Manitowoc
- To encourage youth to become more familiar with the workings of local government through education, involvement, and participation

Learning Opportunities and Benefits:

- The Mayor's Youth Action Council is a youth-led initiative where area youth will have the opportunity to be responsible for various roles (i.e. running meetings, taking notes, decision making)
- Members will be provided the opportunity to brainstorm and select tours, special speakers, and other learning opportunities to further their goals
- Learning about approaches for engaging youth in community service
- Partner with like-minded youth with unique perspectives
- Act as a youth service ambassador in Manitowoc by participating in and doing outreach around teen initiatives

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