



CITY OF JACKSON, TN

Class of 2026 Membership Information Packet

Home Schools, Private, and JMCSS High School Juniors living in the corporate city limits of Jackson, TN may apply.

Applicants must be entering their junior year of high school during the 2024-25 academic year.

(Graduating Class of 2026)

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Mayor's Youth Council

The City of Jackson Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) established in 2019/2020 provides our youth a communications link directly to the Mayor to learn about City policies, procedures and governmental workings. This council provides an opportunity to advise the Mayor on issues and concerns facing our youth today. The Mayor's Youth Council will enable local officials to be more representative of the community as a whole and improve services that directly affect young people.

All Mayor's Youth Council efforts are designed to engage our youth in civic and community initiatives that contribute to our thriving city. Students will have opportunities to develop their leadership skills through community engagement activities and to advocate for youth in community matters, thus increasing the likelihood they will continue their contribution to Jackson communities in their adult years.

The Mayor's Youth Council is comprised of high school students, juniors and seniors, from each high school located within the city limits of Jackson, including public, private and home schools. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Mayor's Youth Council are held the fourth Thursday of the month, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Meeting days and times are subject to change.

Each student who completes the MYC program is eligible to receive a recommendation letter from the Mayor. *See Section entitled, Student Participation, Attendance & Service Commitment.*

How to Apply

1. Visit <http://youthcouncil.jacksontn.gov> and select the “Mayor’s Youth Council Application” button.
2. Complete and submit the online application.
3. Submit the following Documents (via Dropbox link):
 - **Signed Student Certification and Acknowledgement/Parental Consent** (See page 5 of this form)
 - **Two Letters of Recommendation** from adults you have worked with within school or non-school activities (e.g. teacher, coach, counselor, supervisor, etc.) Letter writers must include their names, phone numbers, and email address in the letters. Persons providing these references are to be non-related to applicant. **(*May be submitted through Dropbox by the writer following submission guidelines below)**
 - **Official/Unofficial copy of your transcript** or other school-issued verification of your *accumulative* grade point average. **Report cards are not acceptable unless they provide your cumulative GPA. (*May be submitted through Dropbox by student or school official; i.e. guidance counselor following submission guidelines below)**

Document Submission Guidelines

When submitting documents via Dropbox, please save documents in this format:

- Agreement and Consent Form: **First Last Name_ Consent (Example: Kelly Jones_ Consent)**
- Transcript: **First Last Name_ Transcript (Example: Kelly Jones_ Transcript)**
- Reference Letter: **First Last Name_ Reference Letter (Example: Kelly Jones_ Reference Letter)**

Online Application may be completed prior to submitting documents via dropbox, however, please note that **Online Application and Additional Documents are due by noon Thursday, May 2, 2024.**

Applications received after this time and date will not be considered.

Selection Criteria

- Must be a student entering their junior year of high school during the 2024-25 academic year (Graduating Class of 2026).
- Reside within the corporate city limits of Jackson, TN.
- Have a grade point average of at least 2.5.
- Have a passion for serving their community.
- Have the desire to learn about city government and be a leader among Jackson youth.

Student Participation, Attendance & Service Commitment

- Participation is essential for the Mayor’s Youth Council to meet the desired objectives.
- Attendance at regular MYC meetings is expected. If a member cannot attend due to sickness or for a duly authorized reason, the member shall notify the Community Relations Liaison through electronic communications. Failure to do so is an automatic unexcused absence.
- If a student has more than one unexcused absence, the student is disqualified from receiving a recommendation letter from the Mayor.
- Excused absences include, but not limited to, school functions, testing, extracurricular activities, illness, and family emergencies.

Email questions to mayorsyouthcouncil@jacksontn.gov or call 731-425-8268.

Benefits of Joining the Mayor’s Youth Council

- Learn how to work with young people.
- Build strong and lasting relationships.
- Develop greater self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Develop communications skills.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Develop organizational skills.
- One-on-one communications with the Mayor.
- Promote the work and programs of the Mayor’s administration
- Contribute to making a difference in your community.

“VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED BY PROMOTERS OR PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENT ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE JACKSON-MADISON COUNTY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, ITS EMPLOYEES OR ITS STUDENTS”

Jackson-Madison County Board of Education School Board Policy 1.806

Please refer to School Board Policy 1.806 of Jackson-Madison County Board of Education for more information. Policies can be found on the school system website (jmcss.org).

STUDENT CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby certify that the information I gave on my application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the provisions of false information may disqualify my consideration. I authorize the release of this information for verification purposes and understand it will be used only to process my application. I understand that submitting this application, I am submitting an application to participate as a member of the Mayor’s Youth Council and said application is only complete upon receipt of the Parental/Guardian Consent form and receipt of GPA certification form signed by school counselor/principal. Upon submission of application, I understand that I will be considered for membership with all other applicants and that I may or may not be selected for membership. If selected, I agree to all attend all meeting and events and understand that I can be removed from membership for failure to do so.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

As parent/legal guardian of the applicant, I hereby grant my permission to the applicant to participant in the Mayor’s Youth Council (MYC), which includes, but is limited to monthly meetings and events relative to this program, and that I understand that my child can be removed from membership for failure to do so. I also understand that upon submission of the application, my child will be considered for membership with all other applicants and that my child may or may not be selected for membership. I further acknowledge that my child’s participation in this program is voluntary and I agree to release the City of Jackson and all other employees, officials, and any and all individuals and organizations assisting or participating in the program from any claims for personal injuries and property damage which my child may suffer while participating as a member of the City of Jackson Mayor’s Youth Council.

I authorize the City of Jackson/or any of its authorized personnel to call for medical care for my child to transport my child to a medical facility or hospital if, in their opinion, medical attention is necessary. Further, I agree to pay all costs associated with medical care and related transportation.

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Contact Information (cell) _____ (work) _____ (Email) _____

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