

# West Linn Youth Advisory Council Information

## Timeline:

- Thursday, May 7: Application Deadline – Return to West Linn City Hall or email to [mobrien@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:mobrien@westlinnoregon.gov)
- Weeks of May 18 and 25: Interviews
- Week of June 1: Selected candidates will be asked to attend a short introduction meeting;

**Mission:** Engage a representative group of West Linn youth to effectively serve the City through community oriented discussions and projects aimed at providing recognition and understanding for the issues that affect both them and their peers in West Linn.

## Goals:

- Understand the City of West Linn's legislative process and its day-to-day operations
- Build relationships with City elected officials, staff, and residents to create civic engagement
- Advise the West Linn City Council on issues that affect local youth
- Identify and advocate for the needs of local youth through service projects, events and the legislative process

## Requirements:

- Must be entering grades 9-12 for the 2020-21 academic year
- Be a resident of the City of West Linn and/or attend a West Linn school
- Be able to commit to several hours a month to serve on the Youth Advisory Council, including attending at least one meeting per month. Please note that a lack of involvement could result in termination

**Process:** A panel of City officials will choose between 10-20 students to serve on the West Linn Youth Advisory Council for the 2020-2021 academic year. The students chosen for this opportunity will meet, at minimum, on a monthly basis to learn about the city's operational and legislative process. Their focus will be on issues that affect city youth and determining solutions to address them. Members of the West Linn Youth Advisory Council will also be expected to attend events outside of their monthly meetings, such as City Council meetings and events organized by the city and the Youth Council.

**Meetings:** 1-2 meetings a month - Typically 4:00pm, first & third Wednesday of the month, subject to change.

**Curriculum:** Youth Advisory Council members will gain a comprehensive understanding on how and why the City of West Linn operates. Simultaneously, they will be expected to engage with their fellow Council members and peers through various outreach methods to identify issues that are affecting the youth of West Linn. Once such issues have been identified it will be the Youth Advisory Council members who will propose solutions and then, with Youth Advisory Council majority approval, work to see those solutions implemented.



## City of West Linn Youth Advisory Council Application

Please complete and return this application to West Linn City Hall (22500 Salamo Rd.) or email it to [mobrien@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:mobrien@westlinnoregon.gov) by May 7, 2020. Applicants may then be asked to participate in the interview process later that month.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (Phone Number and Email): \_\_\_\_\_

If involved in a school and/or community activity please list them below with the dates/times of these commitments so the YAC Advising Committee can best determine future meeting times.

1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional commitments: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that if I am selected as a member of the City of West Linn's Youth Advisory Council, I will need to attend monthly meetings and additional board meetings and events as assigned. I will represent myself as a member of the Youth Advisory Council in a manner that brings honor and respect to the City of West Linn, its citizens and my peers.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for the City of West Linn's Youth Advisory Council. If selected, I will permit and support him/her in attending meetings and activities related to this Council and give permission for the City of West Linn to use my child's name and likeness both on the City website and City social media platforms.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

