

City of Lakewood Youth Council Application 2019-2020
Deadline to Apply: October 1st, 2019

The Lakewood Student Youth Council, established in 2019, aims to provide a voice for youth in the community, allow students to interact with and inform community leaders, provide opportunities for youth development, and allow for engagement with topics regarding youth health and safety, youth advocacy, community relations, and community outreach. This council is a core group of diverse students and advisors interested in leadership and commitment to meaningful community change. This body further aims to establish public-private partnerships between this council and local enterprises, engage and create a presence in the community, and collaborate with non-profit organizations all with the overarching intent of serving youth in the community.

Instructions

Please answer all questions honestly and to the best of your knowledge. The goal of the application is to understand who you are as a person as well as your talents, strengths, and interests. The Lakewood Youth Council is committed to a standard of non-bias, inclusion, and diversity among its members as well as in their ideas and values. You must be a Lakewood resident of or between the ages 13 and 19 to apply.

Note: All functions of the council, including this application, will become public record.

Please submit either paper OR online application. The online application can be found at: <https://forms.gle/8yW5DTCKbGZhgDP47>. If submitting a paper application, please either mail it to Lakewood City Hall (12650 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107) to the attention of Melissa Garrett or scan it and email it to melissa.garrett@lakewoodoh.net.

Approximate Time Commitment: Four hours of meeting time per month, as well as work completed outside of committee. The official meeting day will be decided upon the inauguration of the new Youth Council based on what is most convenient for the majority of members. However, if selected, please be aware that attendance at meetings is crucial and assigned work must be completed.

Part One: Personal Information

Disclaimer: The optional questions will be used to identify diversity and for no other purpose.

First Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Pronouns:

Email:

Phone Number:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Current Grade:

School Attending:

Gender:

Nationality/Race (optional):

Country of Origin (if not from the United States) (optional):

Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch? (optional): Yes No

Do you foresee any transportation issues getting to and from meetings? (Meetings take place at Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH): No Yes (please explain)

Part Two: Self-Grading Questions

Express the extent to which you agree with the following statements regarding your personal qualities. 5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree

- 1. I am comfortable talking in a group. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 2. I listen actively. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 3. I am comfortable stating problems or goals. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 4. I am comfortable asking for ideas and opinions. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 5. I evaluate ideas critically. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 6. I support the rights of individuals in the face of group pressure. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 7. I give praise or appreciation. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 8. I am respectful of other viewpoints and backgrounds. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 9. I feel comfortable dealing with tension. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 10. I feel comfortable telling others how I feel. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 11. I feel comfortable disagreeing openly. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 12. I follow through with my goals. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 13. I feel comfortable facing disappointment. 1 2 3 4 5**
- 14. I can motivate others. 1 2 3 4 5**

Part Three: Short Answer Questions

If you submit this application in its paper form, attach extra paper if needed to fully answer questions. Please indicate which questions you are continuing to answer.

1. Tell us about yourself. Include extracurricular activities, hobbies, interests, and personal attributes.

2. Why do you want to be on the Lakewood Youth Council, and what do you believe you will bring to the council?

3. What are some of your personal strengths? Weaknesses? Please explain.

4. What are some issues that you feel youth in Lakewood are facing today?

5. Please share any other information about yourself that you feel will help us in our decision making process.

Thank you for applying to the Lakewood Youth Council. If you are a finalist, you will be contacted via email for an in person interview. Youth Council members will then be selected from the pool of interviewees.