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# Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

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*"Every day, in local arenas all the way to the White House, adults sit around and decide what problems youth have and what youth need, without ever consulting us."*

*- Jason Warren, New York City Youth Force*

The **purpose** of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is to give young people the tools, training and trust to apply their creativity and energy to effect change in their own lives and in the future of their neighborhoods, communities, cities and states.

**Are you interested in having your voice heard in local government?** If so, the Ammon Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is the place for you. MYAC members participate in leadership activities, community service projects, and social events designed to help shape the Ammon youth community. MYAC provides participants the necessary skills, experience, and confidence to succeed and exceed in the future.

*"You are the leaders of our future. You have the power to bring about positive change in this community right now. Our city, state, nation, and the world will need strong leaders. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is an opportunity for you to make good things happen today. How will you make this community better? What will be your contribution? I look forward to working with you in this important role." Mayor Coletti*

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**Applicants MUST be entering grades 9 through 12.**

Please print clearly. **ALL** information must be completed in order to be considered for the MYAC.

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) and Phone Number(s):  
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How did you learn about the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)?  
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Please tell us a little about you. List activities in which you are involved, including employment, sports, community, school, service, etc.  
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What do you view as the most critical issue facing youth in Ammon and how should the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council address that issue?  
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Describe why you should be selected to be an Advisory Council member and what you hope to accomplish for other youth that you represent.  
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What are the three most important issues to you, your friends and your family concerning your neighborhood?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you could bring one thing to this city or change one thing, what would it be?

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Define leadership. What leadership opportunities have you had in the past?

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After graduating from high school, what are your academic and/or career goals?

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Are you willing to commit to attend meetings, events, and activities of the Youth Advisory Council for one year and commit to making a difference in our city? *(mark your choice)*

Yes                      No

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Please list one adult reference (non-relative) and ask them to complete and submit the attached Recommendation Form.

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

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

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Application Form

## Student Participation and Attendance Commitment

*I have read and understand the commitment required for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. I also realize the importance of teamwork and cooperation and I am willing to make this commitment.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgment

*I understand that my child is pursuing involvement in the City of Ammon's MYAC and has my full permission and consent to participate in all related activities.*

*I am aware of the attendance requirements for my child. I am aware my child must submit the completed application and one signed Recommendation Form from a high school teacher or official to the City of Ammon*

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this application, you agree to allow the use of your child's photograph and release of the above information for promotional purposes of the program (as require by the Public Information Act).*

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## Qualifications for Membership

The following pages are for you to keep.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must live in the City of Ammon.
- Grades 9 – 12 for the school year in which appointed.

Additional Application Requirements:

- Submittal of completed Application Form.
- Submittal of Student and Parent Acknowledgement Form.
- Submittal of Recommendation Form.

## Application Instructions

1. Complete the entire MYAC application, including the Student Participation Commitment and Parental Acknowledgment Forms and Recommendation Form. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.
2. Submit the completed application to the City of Ammon by one of the following methods:
  - a. E-mail – [jbelfield@cityofammon.us](mailto:jbelfield@cityofammon.us)
  - b. Drop off or Mail – Ammon City Hall – MYAC, 2135 S Ammon Road, Ammon, ID 83406
  - c. Fax – Attn: MYAC 208-612-4009
3. After the applications have been processed, select students will participate in small group interview sessions at which time students' interest in local government and ability to fully participate in the program will be evaluated. It is anticipated that students selected for interviews will be notified by phone.
4. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Belfield at 208-612-4015 or [jbelfield@cityofammon.us](mailto:jbelfield@cityofammon.us).

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## Student Participation Agreement

### Meeting Information

Members are expected to commit to attending all of the monthly MYAC meetings and participate in community opportunities and projects. The meetings will focus on enhancing your leadership skills, knowledge of local government, as well as any assigned tasks.

Meetings will usually be held at Ammon City Hall at 2135 S Ammon Road, from 7 – 9 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

The calendar details will be finalized based on what the MYAC team wants to accomplish. Some of the highlights we have planned are:

- MYAC Team Building Day
- Pumpkin Walk
- Service Activity
- Firefighter Challenge
- Leadership Training
- Council Meeting
- Interview Training
- AIC Conference
- Ammon Days

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### **Importance of Attendance**

Attendance at monthly MYAC meetings is critical to the success of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and to ensure that each meeting has a reflective representation of the teen community in Ammon. Because enrollment is limited, attendance becomes even more important. Due to the importance of attendance, members are asked to sign a commitment form, acknowledging the following:

- *Failure to attend and participate in meetings and events without notice in advance may result in immediate dismissal from MYAC.*
- *School activities are acceptable absence excuses. Members are required to notify the Secretary and inform of absence due to school activity. Failure to notify will result in an unexcused absence.*
- *Family emergencies are acceptable absence excuses, but verification by a parent may be requested.*
- *Maximum of three absences will be allowed before your membership in MYAC may be re-evaluated.*

### **Commitment**

I promise to:

- Be a caring citizen, always looking out for and supporting others.
- Respect and listen to those in authority.
- Be considerate of the environment and the property of others.
- Be respectful in my behavior and attitude by not being disorderly, disruptive, or using inappropriate language.
- Choose not to engage in behaviors or acts harmful or offensive to others or myself.
- Always be brave, steadfast, and stand up for and speak up for what is right.

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Please **submit your recommendation electronically** to [jbelfield@cityofammon.us](mailto:jbelfield@cityofammon.us). You can access an electronic version of this form at [www.cityofammon.us](http://www.cityofammon.us), click on "I'm looking for," then click on "Mayor's Office," and the form is under Youth Council. Be sure to save the document and attach it to your e-mail.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) consists of high school students residing in the City of Ammon. MYAC members organize events, serve as liaisons to the Mayor and Ammon City Council, and receive leadership training. MYAC members are required to attend monthly meetings, as well as committee meetings and events. We are looking for dedicated, hard-working, and active youth to fill this opportunity.

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization/Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you consider to be the applicant's strengths?

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How reliable is the applicant?

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Give an example of how this candidate takes initiative and their leadership skills:

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Discuss the applicant's ability to effectively communicate with others (peers, adults).

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List any special considerations for this candidate:

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*Thank you for taking the time to fill out this recommendation form.*