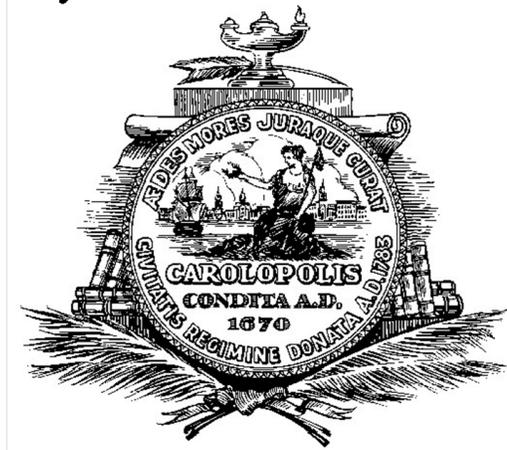


Are you a high school student in Charleston County who wants to make a difference in the community?

Mayor's Youth Commission



City of Charleston

**Be the voice for youth.  
Connect with local government.  
Raise public awareness.  
Create a positive impact.**

*You are invited:*

*Apply to Become a Member of the*

*Mayor's Youth Commission*

*City of Charleston*

*2016 Membership*

### *Who We Are:*

- The Mayor's Youth Commission (MYC) is composed of 20 members who represent the youth of Charleston County. Members are 9th-12th grade high school students who are in good academic standing at their public or private high schools in Charleston County.
- Members are selected to serve a one-year term from February 2016 to January 2017.

### *What We Do:*

- MYC convenes for monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families.
- MYC convenes for meetings with the Mayor four times per year.
- All meetings are typically held in the evenings from 5:30-6:45p.m.
- Members are encouraged to provide their leadership, input, and ideas about how we can best combat community problems. Members offer their perspective, determine strategies, and execute an annual youth summit to empower their peers to take action.
- Throughout the year, members have the opportunity to participate in leadership trainings, team- building activities and community service.

### *How to Get Involved:*

- ***Complete the attached application.***
- ***Ask your parent and principal to review and sign your application.***
- ***Submit the final copy of your application by January 31, 2016.***
- ***If selected, please plan to attend the "10<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit" on Friday, February 26, 2016.***

*Contact information:*

***Jennifer Gorham***

***Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Families***

***75 Calhoun Street, Suite 3700***

***Charleston, SC 29401***

***Phone: (843) 965-4190***

Email:gorhamj@charleston-sc.gov

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

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have reliable transportation to and from each meeting?

Yes

No

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**Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible in the space provided:**

Why do you want to serve on the Mayor's Youth Commission?

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List and briefly explain your volunteer activities and experiences.

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What extracurricular activities are you involved in at school?

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List and explain at least three areas of interest and expertise.

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What would you like to do for youth during your term as a Mayor's Youth Commission member and what unique skills can you bring to the Mayor's Youth Commission?

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**ESSAY**

In the space provided, write an essay on a current issue facing youth in our community. Explain why this is an issue and provide a solution for it.

**SIGNATURES**

*I have read and understand all the previous material concerning the Mayor’s Youth Commission and, if selected, I am committed to serving as a Commission member for a one-year term; I will attend all meetings and actively participate in annual Summit preparation.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Date

*I believe this student should be considered to serve on the Mayor’s Youth Commission.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature Date

*I give permission for my son/daughter to serve on the Mayor’s Youth Commission and realize that attendance is required at all meetings unless they receive an excused absence.*

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Parent Name (please print)

**Submit your completed application to the following address:  
Jennifer Gorham, MOCYF  
ATTN: Youth Commission  
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