MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL OF WINSTON COUNTY

Learn. Serve. Lead.

Developing Leaders. Serving Communities. Strengthening Winston County.

2026–2027 STUDENT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: Friday, August 21, 2026, at 4 p.m.
Program Dates: September 2026 – April 2027
30 students will be selected.

PICK UP AN APPLICATION

Louisville City Hall
2373 South Church Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339

Winston County Library
100 West Park Street
Louisville, MS 39339

MSU Extension – Winston County
155 Vance Street
Louisville, MS 39339

PURPOSE

The Mayor's Youth Council of Winston County is a leadership and civic engagement program that brings together students from across Winston County to learn, serve, and lead. The Council provides a voice for youth while creating opportunities for students to develop leadership skills, participate in community service, engage with local government, and provide valuable insight on issues affecting youth and the community. Working alongside local leaders and adult mentors, members are encouraged to make a positive impact throughout Winston County.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

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PROGRAM FEE

A $30 program registration fee will be due following Orientation for students who accept membership into the program. Scholarships and sponsorship opportunities are available, and no student will be denied participation due to financial hardship.

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The mission of the Mayor's Youth Council of Winston County is to develop informed, engaged, and service-minded young leaders through leadership development, community service, civic engagement, and meaningful collaboration with local government and community leaders.

Students entering grades 9–12 from across Winston County, including homeschool students, are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students entering grades 9–12 for the 2026–2027 school year
- Resident of Winston County
- Willing to fulfill program requirements
- Interested in leadership, service, and community engagement

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The Mayor's Youth Council is designed to be a multi-year leadership experience. The 2026–2027 program year is a special relaunch year that welcomes students entering grades 9–12.

Beginning with the 2027–2028 program year, new applicants must be entering grades 9–11. Students will not be eligible to join the Mayor's Youth Council for the first time as seniors. Seniors may participate only if they are returning members from a prior program year.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Home Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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PROGRAM COMMITMENT

If selected, I understand that membership in the Mayor's Youth Council of Winston County is a one-year commitment for the 2026–2027 program year. I agree to actively participate and fulfill the following expectations:

- Attend monthly Mayor's Youth Council meetings
- Complete a minimum of 15 community service hours
- Participate in service projects, special events, and leadership activities
- Attend at least one local government meeting
- Represent the Mayor's Youth Council of Winston County in a positive and professional manner
- Follow all program expectations and the Mayor's Youth Council Code of Conduct

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List any school, church, volunteer, work, leadership, or community activities that are important parts of your life.

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YOUR VOICE

Please complete all responses and print clearly.

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Mayor's Youth Council of Winston County, and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

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2. Describe a time when you helped someone, solved a problem, or made a positive difference in your school, church, family, or community. What did you learn from that experience?

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COMMUNITY IMPACT ESSAY

What do you believe are the biggest challenges facing young people in Winston County today? Identify two or three issues and explain how the Mayor's Youth Council could help address them.

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TRANSPORTATION

Do you have reliable transportation to attend meetings and activities? Yes ___ No ___

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Mayor's Youth Council Leadership Team. Interviews may be conducted, if necessary, as part of the selection process.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____