

Gresham Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

Application

The mission of YAC is to educate and serve the Gresham community through meaningful activities, educating our peers, appreciating diversity, and developing supportive partnerships between our schools and community. Applicants must be entering their 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade year and either live or attend Gresham area school districts which include: Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, and Reynolds School Districts.

Questions? Contact Ricki Ruiz, at Ricardo.Ruiz@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2213

Once application is completed it can either be emailed or mailed to Ricki Ruiz 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham OR 97030

Thank you for taking the time!

Full Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Birth Date (Day/Month): _____

1. All selected members must attend mandatory meetings every 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon of the month. Please list what other activities, clubs, or sports you'll be in during the 2018 - 2019 school year and what evenings you will not be available.

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2. What school do you attend? (Select all that apply)

- Gresham High
- Sam Barlow High
- Reynolds High
- Centennial High
- Center for Advance Learning (CAL)
- Reynolds Learning Academy (RLA)
- Springwater Trail High
- Dexter McCarty Middle
- Clear Creek Middle
- Gordon Russell Middle
- Rosemary Anderson
- Centennial Middle
- Reynolds Middle
- HB Lee Middle
- Walt Morey Middle
- Centennial Learning Center
- Open School East
- Other: _____

3. Select your Incoming Grade for the 2018/19 School Year

- 8th
- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th
- Other: _____

4. How did you hear about the Youth Advisory Council (YAC)?

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5. What makes you the best candidate to be selected as a member of the Council?

6. How will the Youth Advisory Council help you with your future goals?

7. Why is it important for youth to have a voice in local school and city environments?

8. Are you interested in an elected position? If so, please select below:

- YAC Chair
- YAC Vice – Chair
- Secretary
- Ambassador
- Not Interested

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What you need to know:

1. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a leadership group that has the mission to educating and serving the Gresham community through meaningful activities, educating our peers, appreciating diversity, and developing supportive partnerships between our schools and community.
2. (YAC) is made from students 8th grade and up who either attend Gresham area-based school districts which include – Gresham Barlow, Centennial, and Reynolds School Districts or live in the City of Gresham.
3. YAC members are to **attend bi-monthly meetings every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month** at Gresham City Hall (Unless cancelled due to bad weather and holidays)
4. Each Year, new and current eligible members must apply if they are part of the districts mentioned above or live in City of Gresham boundaries
5. Term runs for one year starting June 2019 – June 2020
 - All new and current members need to re-apply before the filing deadline of May 3, 2019
6. YAC Leadership Elected Positions
 - **YAC Chair** – Responsible for running meetings, attend meetings with YAC Advisor to plan meetings, setting up YAC goals for the 2018/19-year, availability to meet with elected officials to discuss policy and youth engagement work
 - **YAC Vice Chair** – Responsible for running meetings with YAC Chair, acting as the Chair of the committee when Chair is not available, attend meetings with YAC Advisor to plan meetings and set goals for the 2018/19 year
 - **Secretary** – Responsible of taking notes for bi-monthly meetings and submitting them to YAC Advisor before the next meeting. Responsible for running meetings when YAC Chair and Vice Chair are not available
 - **Ambassador** – Responsible of community relations – contacting local news media when YAC is participating in significant events and take interviews whenever prompted. Being able to connect with school communities regarding community service events
7. Perks of joining YAC
 - Get a hands-on experience in learning government work in the City of Gresham
 - Being able to apply for summer paid internships with the City and Multnomah County
 - Being able to participate in scholarship, college prep, and resume workshops
 - Able to participate in State-Wide YAC conventions and field trips
 - Meet and interact with Gresham community
 - Get to have fun and eat delicious snacks for every meeting