

Why join the Youth Advisory Council? (YAC)

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.

Why Join?

Gresham's YAC will move to be a more hands on and resourceful committee that will help teach students how to best serve in their community along with college / work and internship preparedness.

Things to expect from YAC

- Bi-Weekly meetings every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at Gresham City Hall (snacks ALWAYS provided)
- City Department educational presentations with the purpose of learning the functions of the City
- Police and Fire Department Tours
- Hands-on projects volunteering your time with local non-profits, mural art work, and school services
- Field Trips
- Bonding fun activities that can include bowling, laser tag, etc.
- Overall many opportunities to best prepare YAC members to life after high school graduation

YAC Goals:

- Finding creative and effective ways to educate our public concerning issues affecting Gresham's youth
- Empowering our YAC and Gresham youth to learn and perhaps pursue an internship or career with local government
- Providing a voice to elected officials and city decision makers regarding public issues, projects, and proposals that have an impact on youth

YAC Membership Requirements

Students interested in joining YAC need to submit an application to the YAC Advisor when the application process opens up. 15 – 20 high school students from the school districts of Gresham – Barlow, Reynolds, and Centennial are selected to serve on the committee each school year. Recruitment for new members occurs between February – May of each year.

- Applications are reviewed based on several categories, including community involvement, volunteer service, and leadership experience.
- After applications are reviewed, interviews may be held to complete member selection

***For more information please contact YAC Advisor Ricki Ruiz, 503-618-2213 or Ricardo.Ruiz@GreshamOregon.gov
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