



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 grades 9-12 and either live or attend Gresham area school districts, including Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, and the Reynolds School District.

Questions?

Contact Emon Ghassemi, 971-500-3514, or Emon.Ghassemi@GreshamOregon.gov

Full Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

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 from 4-5:30 p.m. Please list what other activities, clubs, or sports you will be in during the 2022-23 school year and what evenings you will not be available.

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

- Centennial High
- Centennial Learning Center
- Center for Advanced Learning (CAL)
- Gresham High
- Metro East Web Academy (MEWA)



- Open School East
- Reynolds High
- Reynolds Learning Academy (RLA)
- Rosemary Anderson High
- Sam Barlow High
- Springwater Trail High
- Rosemary Anderson
- Home School
- Other: _____

3. How did you hear about the Youth Advisory Council?

4. What makes you the best candidate to be selected as a member of YAC?

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

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

7. Is there anything else you would like us to know about? Or let us know about any accessibility needs!



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

- YAC Chair
- YAC Vice–Chair
- Secretary
- Ambassador
- Not interested
- Unsure

What you need to know

1. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a leadership group whose mission 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.
2. YAC is made up of students in grades 9-12, who either attend Gresham area-based school districts (Gresham Barlow, Centennial, and Reynolds) or live in the city of Gresham.
3. YAC members must attend two meetings a month on the first and third Wednesdays at Gresham City Hall. Unless canceled due to weather and holidays.
4. Each year, new and current eligible members must apply.
5. Term runs for one year starting September 2022 – June 2023.
 - All new and current members need to reapply before the filing deadline of May 3, 2023, to be a part of the 2023/2024 YAC.
6. YAC Leadership elected positions
 - **YAC Chair** – Responsible for running meetings, attending meetings with YAC Advisor to plan meetings, setting up YAC goals for the 2022-23 year, and available 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, attending meetings with YAC Advisor to plan meetings and set goals for the 2022-23 year.
 - **Secretary** – Responsible for 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 for community relations. Contacting local news media when YAC is participating in events and taking interviews whenever prompted, as well as connecting with school communities about community service events.
7. Benefits of joining the YAC
 - Getting hands-on experience and opportunities to learn about our local government.
 - Access and assistance in applying for summer paid internships with the City and Multnomah County.
 - Taking part in student leadership conventions and field trips.
 - Meeting and interacting with the Gresham community.
 - Snacks at every meeting!

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Youth-Advisory-Council.

