

City of Terrell Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

This packet contains the following:

- **Application** for nomination (*fill out, return*)
- **Nomination Support Form – Adult** (*an adult not related to you should fill out this form and mail back*)
- **Nomination Support Form - School** (*a principal or advisor from your school should fill out this form. If you attend home school have some other non-related adult fill out the second form and mail back.*)
- **Parental Permission Form** (*mail in with your application*)

What is the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council?

The council is a group of young adults from all areas of Terrell. The council gives input on how the city's programs and services can benefit young people. The council represents:

- diverse ideas
- youth from different cultural backgrounds
- students from public, private and alternative schools

What does the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council do?

As a group, the council meets with representatives from the city, county, state, and national government to learn about programs and to offer suggestions on ways government can better serve the youth of Terrell. Teens are asked to:

- explore issues
- get the facts
- discuss solutions

Who should consider becoming part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council?

- Youth in grades 9 - 11 (13 years old or older) who would like to use their experience and know-how to improve city government.
- Teens who would like to gain leadership experience.
- Those who are ready to meet new people and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

How can you become a part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council?

- Fill out and submit an application packet:
- Attend meetings and be a part of the council.

The city will invest in members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council we require:

- Commitment
 - Exemplary behavior
 - Willingness to make a difference
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APPLICATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ How long? _____

Phone _____ Alt Phone _____

School _____ Grade _____ Birth date _____

Are you currently working? Y N How many hours a week? _____

Are you currently volunteering? Y N How many hours a week? _____

Do you have a special need or disability? Y N Kind of assistance required? _____

Are you a member of any organizations related to your work, study or special interests? What are they? _____

Please give details of past paid or unpaid work, work experience, or study. (Attach resume if needed)

Do you have any experience on boards, committees or other government or community bodies?
Please give details. _____

Have you received awards or prizes, or had any other recognition of special things you have done?
Please give details. _____

What life experience, strengths or skills would you bring to the Council? (Attach sheet if needed)

What do you think are the most important issues affecting young people today? Please explain why you think these issues are important? (Attach sheet if needed) _____

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What should be done to resolve this issue or issues? What part will you play in solving this issue?
(Attach resume if needed) _____

What is the number one thing you personally want to accomplish in the next year? _____

Please give a brief personal statement about yourself. Why do you want to be a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, what do you hope to get out of your membership? (Attach sheet if needed) _____

If you could have one facility, activity or event for youth in Terrell, what would it be and why?

I understand that membership in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is a privilege and responsibility and agree to participate to the best of my ability by attending meetings and contributing my time and talents to this council. I understand that I will be expected to contribute approximately 4 hours a month in performing my duties.

Applicant

Parent or guardian

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Nomination Support Form – Adult

Dear Supporter,

The following student is asking to be considered for a position on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in the City of Terrell. Please fill out the form and return in confidence to the address below. Your response will remain confidential.

Student Name _____

Phone _____ School _____

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How long have you known the student? _____ What is your relationship to this student? _____

With the above information in mind, can you recommend this student for consideration on the council?

Yes No

Do you think this student will be an asset to the council?

Yes No

Do you think this student represents the best of Terrell youth?

Yes No

Explain: _____

What are the student's strengths? _____

What are the student's weaknesses?

Your Name _____ Phone _____

May we contact you for more information if needed?

Yes No

Signed _____

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Nomination Support Form – School

Dear School Administrator,

The following student is asking to be considered for a position on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in the City of Terrell. Please fill out the form and return in confidence to the address below. Your response will remain confidential.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

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How long have you known the student? _____ What is your position? _____

With the above information in mind, can you recommend this student for consideration on the council?

Yes No

Do you think this student will be an asset to the council?

Yes No

Do you think this student represents the best of Terrell youth?

Yes No

Explain: _____

What are the student's strengths? _____

What are the student's weaknesses?

Your Name _____ Phone _____

May we contact you for more information if needed?

Yes No

Signed _____

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Parental Permission Form

Student Name _____

Your student, listed above is asking to be considered for a position on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in the City of Terrell. This organization is composed of highly motivated young adults from all areas of Terrell who wish to serve the community by providing a youth's perspective on important issues and giving the City Council input on how the city's programs and services can benefit young people. The youth council represents diverse ideas, youth from different cultural backgrounds, and students from public, private and alternative schools

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All meetings will be chaperoned by responsible adults who will give guidance and ensure that students learn how to conduct meetings, consider alternate points of view, gather information, and present solutions. The students will also be expected to participate in activities on some weekends and evenings. In addition, there will be field trips to locations throughout Terrell, and Kaufman County. There will be some well planned trips out of the area, possibly to Austin and Washington, D.C., as well.

Can you support your student in seeking a position on the Mayor's Advisory Council?	Yes	No
May your student attend meetings in the evening (ending no later than 8:00pm)?	Yes	No
May your student attend meetings on some Saturdays?	Yes	No
May your student attend meetings on some Sundays?	Yes	No
May your student drive him or herself to meetings and field trips?	Yes	No
May your student drive others to meetings in the vehicle?	Yes	No
Does your student have any restrictions?	Yes	No

If yes, please explain: _____

I, _____ give permission for my child, _____ to attend meetings and activities as part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council for the 2008-2009 term. This includes activities and meetings within the City of Terrell and Kaufman County.

Parent Last Name _____ First Name _____

Phone _____ Alt Phone _____

Other Emergency Contact _____

Signed: _____

Relationship to child _____