Mission and Vision

MISSION

The mission of the Youth Advisory Council is to advise City Council and City staff on issues affecting youth. The Council will gather youth concerns and help identify possible solutions. The Council will help youth connect to services that benefit them and may sponsor events and activities to provide information on city programs, youth development, higher education, and youth health and employment.

VISION

The Youth Advisory Council will be recognized as a voice for all youth in the City of Terrell and as a resource for decision–makers. The community will value youth and recognize them for their skills, abilities, and contributions to the city.

Students exchanging YAC logo pins at convention

What Does The YAC Do?

YAC members meet twice a month to discuss issues, plan events and carry out projects.

They sponsor YAC University, a series of meetings to introduce youth to community resources such as elected officials, city departments, non-profit organizations, and governmental as well as non-governmental agencies.

YAC members shadow the Mayor, Council members, department heads, and judges to get a better idea of the part each roll plays in the life of citizens.

Students represent the City of Terrell and the State of Texas at various conferences and workshops.

Develop and participate in other events

Climbing rock wall at National League of Cities

YAC

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What Is YAC?

The Terrell Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was recently created to serve as a liaison to the Terrell City Council. YAC participates in social, cultural, and recreational activities that are meant to empower students and provide an opportunity to showcase the contribution of youth to our community through volunteerism and service and proposing initiatives that are directed toward effective change.

The YAC operates under the sponsorship of the City of Terrell with co-sponsorship from Terrell Independent School District and the YMCA

Goals of the YAC

- Serve as a resource for ideas and concerns for youth and provide City Council and staff with information about youth issues.
- Host opportunities for youth to gather to discuss issues affecting them.
- Promote the city's youth activities and events.
- Increase awareness of educational opportunities and promote the importance of education for youth.
- Promote the contributions of youth as volunteers, including increasing the awareness and availability of volunteer opportunities in Terrell.
- Increase awareness of employment opportunities, including providing information about employment rights of youth.

Students playing Revolution at convention

Joining YAC

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

- Represent your Community
- Learn to be a community leader
- Advise the Mayor & Council
- Enhance your work or academic resume
- Attend camps and conferences
- Host youth and city wide events

WHO CAN JOIN?

The YAC 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

Each member of the council must:

- Be enrolled as a full-time student in grades nine through twelve at a public or private school (including home schools) that accepts students who reside within the Terrell Independent School District
- Have been a resident within Terrell Independent School District for at least six months prior to the date of appointment
- Be appointed by the Mayor and City Council upon recommendation of staff and school officials

How Can I Join

Call or come by for an application
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