

LYNN YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Lynn Youth Council invites applications to become a Youth Councilor. New Councilors will begin their duties in January, 2015. The Youth Council consists of 18 members, selected from male and female applicants aged 12 – 19 in each of the city wards and at-large. Candidates who are able to make the Youth Council their top extracurricular priority are preferred.

GOALS:

- Empower youth as a positive voice in the community
- Seek input from youth regarding city issues and civic concerns
- Promote youth participation in problem-solving and policymaking
- Enlist youth support for city initiatives
- Provide youth with direct experience of governance processes
- Raise the image of youth in the city of Lynn

ELIGIBILITY:

- Residence in Lynn
- Age 12 – 19, in Middle School, High School or GED program.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Meetings will be about 1 hour long and located at the LYNN YMCA or North Shore Community College.
- Join at least one Youth Council sub-committee and meet at agreed upon times.
- Attend a minimum of 2 school committee meetings and 2 City Council meetings each year.
- If available, participate in summer civic engagement project.
- Participate in training, orientation and other activities.
- Conduct research, discuss issues and represent peers.
- Meet with and make recommendations to the City Council and School Committee. Serve for a one or two year term as determined appropriate by the advisors and selection committee.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Completed application forms are due no later than December 1st, and must include a letter of recommendation from an adult, such as a teacher, coach or principal.
- Only complete applications will be considered.
- The written portion of the application will be judged anonymously and candidates will be selected to interview with the selection committee.
- Applications should be submitted (by hand or by mail) to:

Wanntha Sim
Outreach and Volunteer Director
Lynn YMCA
20 Neptune Blvd.
Lynn, MA 01902

For more info contact: wsim@metronorthymca.org or at 781-581-3105

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PERSONAL INFORMATION – Please print neatly!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ @ _____

TEL. NO: Home: _____ Cell: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS (if different from above): _____

TEL NO. (if different from above): _____ Cell: _____

APPLICANT DATE OF BIRTH: yyyy _____ mm/dd _____

GENDER: _____ MALE _____ FEMALE

ETHNICITY (optional) - Check all that apply:

_____ Hispanic _____ Black/African American _____ Caucasian

_____ Latino _____ Native American _____ Other:

_____ Asian _____ Cape Verdean

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ CURRENT GRADE LEVEL: _____

WARD NUMBER: _____ (This can be found at www.wheredoivotema.com)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE LYNN YOUTH COUNCIL: _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

I am aware that selection as a member of the Lynn Youth Council is a privilege and a responsibility, and I will represent my peers and the city of Lynn with both integrity and respect.

I understand that Youth Councilors are required to attend and actively participate in all meetings of the Lynn Youth Council. Any excessive absence (more than 3) will lead to removal from the Council at the discretion of the advisors.

I am willing to comply with all requirements and, if selected, pledge to fulfill my commitment to the best of my ability.

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT (if youth is under 18):

I have read and understand the commitment made by the above applicant, and give my permission for him/her to seek a position and serve on the Lynn Youth Council.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

LIST AND DESCRIBE ANY JOB OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE(S):

LIST AND DESCRIBE ANY SCHOOL/ COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES YOU PARTICIPATE IN:

ESSAY QUESTIONS – Respond to the questions below in well-developed paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. If possible, please type. Staple your essay page(s) to the application and put your initials at the top of the page:

1. How did you hear about the Lynn Youth Council?
2. Why do you want to serve on the Lynn Youth Council?
3. How will you ensure that the Lynn Youth Council is a top extracurricular priority for you?
4. Please provide an example of a time that you demonstrated leadership in your community or amongst your peers.
5. How will you reach out to other youth in the city in order to get their input into issues concerning youth in the city?
6. Please provide an example of how you have helped to make Lynn a better place.
7. What is your vision for the future of Lynn?