City of Hickory
Youth Council

Application Form for 2026-2027

Student Signature:

I have read and understand the time commitment required for the City of Hickory's Youth Council. I also know the importance of academics and the necessity for me to maintain or improve my G.P.A. while serving on the Council. I can make such a commitment for the school year.

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Student Signature Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for _____ to seek the position of City of Hickory Youth Council member.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Telephone number in case of emergency _____

Name of emergency contact and relationship to youth _____

Students:*Please submit this application to Sam Abernethy Youth Council Staff Liaison. All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th, 2026.*

Please note that membership on the Youth Council demands strict attendance. Youth Council members cannot miss more than three formal meetings per year and must adhere to an attendance policy to qualify for re-appointment. There will be one formal meeting per month, which is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Members are also expected to complete service projects, attend city board and commission meetings, and other Youth Council events.

Youth Council members are also given the opportunity to serve on several boards and commissions and attend programs to learn about city government, tour city facilities, volunteer at city events, and complete service projects.

Note: Applicants will be considered for all openings for which they are eligible. All applicants must live within the Hickory City Limits or attend a school that has representation on the council. City Residents are given priority in filling vacancies on the council. Rising 9th through 12th graders are eligible to apply.