



## City of Long Beach - Mayor's Youth Council

### Membership Criteria and Application

#### **Packet Deadline for Applying: Thursday, July 23, 2026**

Application for membership in the Mayor's Youth Council is open to any 11th grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who attend high school or reside within the geographic boundaries of the City of Long Beach. Applicants must be a high school junior (11th grade), high school senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) or the equivalent for students learning at home. Applicants should be students who are recognized as leaders by their peers, hold leadership positions in the school, active in the community and strive for academic excellence.

### Purpose of the Mayor's Youth Council

**Mission Statement:** To give Long Beach youth the opportunity to provide input and insight on community issues, learn about municipal government and network with youth councils across the state.

**Vision Statement:** Mayor's Youth Council was created to ensure that the youth of Long Beach are engaged, educated and connected to the community.

The Mayor's Youth Council provides an outlet for young leaders to discuss and take action to address issues that are important to Long Beach's youth. Members of the Mayor's Youth Council have numerous opportunities to develop their personal leadership skills through community service by acting as a catalyst for youth engagement in community matters, through advocacy and education efforts and by representing their peers in the development and adoption of public policy.

For questions regarding the 2026-2027 Mayor's Youth Council, please contact: Courtney Cuevas-Welch, Community Affairs Director, at (228) 863-1556 or [ccuevas-welch@longbeachms.gov](mailto:ccuevas-welch@longbeachms.gov).

Submit application to:

Community Affairs Director Office, P.O. Box 929, Long Beach, MS 39560; drop them off at Long Beach City Hall, 201 Jeff Davis Ave Long Beach or email it to [ccuevas-welch@longbeachms.gov](mailto:ccuevas-welch@longbeachms.gov) by 5:00 p.m.

**All applications must be received or postmarked by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July to be considered.**



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### 2026-2027 Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Handles \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Short Answer Questions: Please provide answers to the following questions in a typed document to be attached to this application.

1. Why do you want to be involved with the Long Beach Mayor's Youth Council?
2. Please list all organizations or clubs in which you are currently a member.
3. Why should you be chosen to represent Long Beach's youth as a member of the Long Beach Mayor's Youth Council?
4. What do you feel are the most important issues facing the youth in Long Beach, and how would you suggest addressing those issues?
5. Please write a short **letter** to the Mayor of Long Beach explaining why you love living in Long Beach.

I understand that being a member of the Mayor's Youth Council carries certain responsibilities and obligations. I agree to conduct myself as properly befitting a representative of my city and abide by all guidelines of the Council.

**Student Signature:** I have read and understand the above commitments required for the Council.

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**Student Signature**

**Date**

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: I give my permission for the above named applicant to seek a position on the Mayor's Youth Council and I have read and understand the commitments required for the Council.

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**Parent Signature**

**Date**