



MISSION:

The mission of the Douglas Mayor's Youth Council (DMYC) is to broaden the scope of youth leadership in Douglas, Georgia through volunteerism, service, and initiatives that are directed towards allowing youth input into policy issues, identifying youth issues, and participating in the development of positive solutions.


PURPOSE:

The DMYC will be used to help initiate and foster leadership among youth through education and outreach. The DMYC is used as a platform to discuss issues such as school violence, underage drinking, peer pressure, teen pregnancy, entertainment, racial tension, community involvement, safety awareness, driver's education, etc.

WHAT IS THE

DOUGLAS MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL?

The DMYC will be a nine (9) - eleven (11), organized advisory council high school students, who regularly advise policy-makers on youth issues. The DMYC offers youth a voice in the community's decision-making process and opportunities to learn about government operations first-hand. This council will present an opportunity for youth to become involved in social and political processes so that they may develop leadership, a sense of personal achievement, and an understanding of government.



OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ To initiate and foster leadership among youth through education and outreach.
- ◆ To reach out to youth so that they understand governmental processes.
- ◆ To develop healthy citizen habits for the future of the community.
- ◆ To produce productive youth and community ownership.
- ◆ To serve as a catalyst to improve the well-being of youth.
- ◆ To collaborate with other youth agencies to address youth related issues and concerns.
- ◆ To unite youth to bring about positive change within their community.
- ◆ To actively involve youth on policy issues affecting them.
- ◆ To broaden the scope of youth leadership in city government and Coffee County School districts.
- ◆ To promote experiential learning on the functions of city government
- ◆ To promote public awareness of the strengths and abilities of youth.
- ◆ To actively involve youth in planning, developing and implementing social, cultural and recreational activities that are drug and alcohol free.




Douglas Mayor's Youth Council

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Youth Leadership
Program





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The DMYC is an effort to encourage teen involvement in government and the community. This council will be a nine member team who will apply through written and oral applications.

DMYC will provide an opportunity for municipal leaders to communicate with youth in their communities and will be an opportunity for youth to use their energy to improve the community in which they live.



ROLE OF DMYC

DMYC members support youth initiatives to improve community relations between adults and youth. To support these initiatives, the DMYC intends to incorporate:

- ◆ Civic participation
- ◆ Service projects
- ◆ Conduct youth forums/summits
- ◆ Create a youth speakers bureau
- ◆ Mentoring opportunities



CODE OF CONDUCT:

- ◆ Be prompt and present at all meetings and dress appropriately.
- ◆ Be respectful in the treatment of and the interaction with other people.
- ◆ Be mindful of safety issues to ensure that everyone stays safe from harm and injury.
- ◆ Be courteous and do not talk on the cell phone during meetings (mute cell phone).
- ◆ Be aware of inappropriate behavior and stay out of trouble at home and at school.



MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be students of schools within the city limits, including public, private, and home schools. Registration is open to high school students in 9th—12 grades (public, private or home school middle school; between the ages of 14 - 19. Application should be completed by student and parents and include an endorsement from their school principal or counselor; along with a short essay.

The DMYC is based on the following selection criteria:

- ◆ Application
- ◆ Extracurricular Activity
- ◆ Leadership Skills and Ability
- ◆ Community Involvement
- ◆ Recommendations
- ◆ Interview

Application Deadline: December 31, 2018

Applications can be obtained online, www.cityofdouglas.com/DMYC or through the City Clerk office located at 224 E. Bryan Street, Douglas, Georgia.

MEETINGS:

The DMYC will meet twice a month in the Council Chambers located at City Hall and members will serve a one-year to four-year term or until out of high school or age 19.

