



CITY OF CARROLLTON, GEORGIA

CARROLLTON YOUTH COUNCIL

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What is the overall purpose?

- To build leadership experience and civic responsibility
- To create a climate of public awareness and responsibility
- To promote youth involvement in government and civic duties to become productive citizens in the future
- To assist the citizens and youth in the city to understand effective communication, appreciate differences with the city's youth and be involved in community issues
- To provide the means by which the city's youth can be heard and included in local government
- To plan, sponsor, and coordinate appropriate youth programs, activities, and events in the city of Carrollton

What is the structure?

- It is a youth organization sponsored by the Carrollton City Council and Mayor which will consist of local high school students.

How often does the Youth Council meet?

- Participants must attend the mandatory, orientation training session. As part of the overall training, parents must attend an orientation session with the students.
- Meetings will generally be monthly, on the Wednesday morning (following the monthly City Council meeting) from 8:30am to 11:15pm with possible additional meetings for special projects and miscellaneous events
- Participants must attend at least one Carrollton City Council meeting during the year (in addition to the mandatory swearing-in meeting and end of the year recognition meeting)

What are some examples of programs that the Youth Council might participate in?

- A trip to the Georgia State Capitol to meet elected officials representing Carroll County and see our state government in action
- Meetings with Mayor and City Council to better understand the function of government
- Community project involving local youth
- A teen forum or workshop
- Inspirational and informational speakers from local government or business

What is the overall application process?

- Students should complete the application along with two adult references
- Applications must be reviewed and select candidates will be interviewed
- Youth Council members will be selected and notified by November 15th
- See the attached student application and adult reference forms



CARROLLTON YOUTH COUNCIL STUDENT APPLICATION

In order to be considered, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Submittal of this application filled out in its entirety no later than the October 25th
- Have two personal reference forms submitted no later than the October 25th
- Be presently enrolled at Carrollton High School and reside within the city limits
- Have and maintain an 85 GPA or higher
- Must not have a Level II or higher discipline referral
- Must have 95% or higher school attendance
- Be able to think critically and articulate thoughts and ideas
- Have an interest in learning about government and how it functions
- Possess potential leadership skills
- Secure parental or guardian permission and support

Please submitted completed applications to Carrollton High School in the main office

Applicant's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Current GPA: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Names: _____ Tel # _____

The adults listed below as references should be able to answer questions concerning the applicant's qualifications for a membership position on the Carrollton Youth Council. One adult reference must be from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. The second adult reference must be from a civic or community leader. Please list them below and complete the attached reference forms also.

1. Name: _____ Relation to Applicant: _____

2. Name: _____ Relation to Applicant: _____

Why do you wish to become a member of the Carrollton Youth Council?

What programs, activities, or issues would you like to see addressed by the CYC?

What strengths could you contribute to the CYC?

Please list any extracurricular activities in which you have been or will be involved?

Please list any involvement in community service or special projects?

The CYC generally meets the Wednesday after the City Council meeting of each month for approximately three hours in the morning during school hours. In addition, the CYC members will be involved in a variety of community events and meetings with some being overnight trips..

Based on the commitments you have already made or plan to make for the upcoming school year, could you dedicate the necessary time per month to the Carrollton Youth Council?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you foresee any conflicts with the schedule? If so, what conflicts do you anticipate?

I, _____, verify that the information that I have included on the application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am interested in serving my community on the Carrollton Youth Council and if selected, I will abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the Carrollton Youth Council, Mayor, City Manager, and City Council.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____, grant permission for him/her to serve on the Carrollton Youth Council and grant him/her permission to participate in all activities of the CYC. If selected, I will assist him/her in this endeavor and further grant permission for the release of my child's grades to the CYC for review and evaluation. My child will be able to attend the mandatory summer orientation training session.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



CARROLLTON YOUTH COUNCIL PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

The City of Carrollton is looking for select high school students who are interested in:

- Taking an active role in addressing youth issues while seeking knowledge in the operations of local municipal government
- Building and strengthening leadership skills
- Discussing principles of effective, efficient and fiscally responsible governance
- Attending Carrollton City Council meetings as scheduled by liaison
- Improving intergovernmental relations and services
- Serving as a Carrollton Youth Council representative

Prior to being considered to serve on the Carrollton Youth Council, I _____, am required to complete an application and obtain personal references from two adults. After much thought and consideration, I am asking if you would serve as one of my personal references.

Name of Reference

Relation to Applicant

Signature

Date

After completion of both pages, please return or email this from *directly* to:

**City of Carrollton Youth Council
Attn: Thera Loolen
118 South White Street
Carrollton, Georgia 30117**

tloolen@carrollton-ga.gov

(Please do **NOT** return this form to the applicant)

Please rate the applicant on the following evaluation criteria:

SKILLS	<u>BELOW AVERAGE</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>ABOVE AVERAGE</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>NOT OBSERVED</u>
Leadership					
Motivation					
Initiative					
Dependability					
Academics					
Integrity					
Cooperation					
Attendance					
Punctuality					
Creativity					
Maturity					

Please describe the student's strengths and why (or why not) he/she would be an asset to the Carrollton Youth Council:

Reference Signature _____