



City of Hickory Youth Council Application Form for 2024-2025

Name: _____ Home Telephone: _____

School: _____ Grade in 2024-2025: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

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.

1. What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good Council member?

2. Please list any activities you will be involved in during the school year. (Include employment, sports, community, school, and church groups.)

3. Please describe what you want to accomplish for youth in the City of Hickory while serving on the Youth Council. Also indicate why you should be selected as a member.

4. Include the recommendation form contained within the application. The reference should be from an adult who has known you and has worked with you in school or in non-school activities. The references should speak to your leadership potential and ability to manage the demands of both school and the Council.

Please make sure that your recommendation form is sent in a sealed envelope.

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.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission:

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

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 31, 2024.

Applications can be submitted by mail or email to:

Sam Abernethy
Youth Council Staff Liaison
City of Hickory
PO Box 398
Hickory, NC 28603
sabernethy@hickorync.gov

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Hickory Youth Council Reference Form

Name of Student _____ Date _____

School _____ Grade _____

Student: Please sign and date the waiver below. Your reference must complete and return this form within one (1) week of receiving it. The reference may send the form directly to the Youth Council Staff Liaison if they choose. You are responsible for making sure it is submitted by the deadline. All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024.

All application materials must be mailed to:

Sam Abernethy
Youth Council Staff Liaison
City of Hickory
PO Box 398
Hickory, NC 28603
sabernethy@hickorync.gov

Waiver of Access:

I, the undersigned, waive the right of personal access to the reference.

Signature Date

Name of Reference

Title/Position

School/Firm/Organization

Phone Number

Email Address

Hickory Youth Council Reference Form (cont'd)

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Character	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Concern for Others	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Leadership Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Ability to Work with Others	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Level of Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Oral Communication Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Interest in Community Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Extra-Curricular Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Please attach a brief letter that addresses the following questions:

1. For how long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?
2. What do you consider the applicant's primary interests, talents and strengths?
3. What are some of the applicant's weaknesses?
4. Describe the applicant's relationships with peers.
5. Describe the applicant's interest in community affairs.

Signature of Reference

Date