



Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

2020-2021 Application Information

Application Deadline: November 13

Are you a City of Eugene youth interested in:

- Having your voice heard in city government?
- Learning more about the Eugene community?
- Making an impact on youth in Eugene?
- Developing leadership skills?

You are invited to apply to the first-ever Mayor's Youth Advisory Board!

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board is a new group of 15-20 high school age youth enrolled in grades 9-12 (or equivalent) who commit to improving their community and developing as leaders. Members will:

- Advise City government on issues impacting youth and other policies the City is considering;
- Assist with defining the role of this new body;
- May interact with other City of Eugene Boards and Commissions;
- May address youth needs through community projects and initiatives

Requirements:

- City of Eugene resident, high school age. Students who attend a Eugene high school but do not live in the city limits may also apply, with preference given to City of Eugene residents.
- Willing to work and be open to learning; desire to make a positive difference for youth in Eugene and for the community as a whole.
- Previous leadership experience is not required.
- Monthly meetings of approximately 2 hours (likely virtual for now) that will be scheduled through an online poll. Able to commit to a 1.5-year term (through June 2022), however current Seniors could serve until June 2021 and are invited to apply. Applicants are encouraged to contact staff if you see barriers to your participation so we can work to resolve these.

Application process:

- Submit the application, including a recommendation from an adult, to Jason Dedrick via email Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov.
- Applications will be reviewed by City of Eugene staff.
- Applicants may be invited to a virtual or phone interview.
- Members will be selected based on their potential to positively contribute to the Advisory Board's work and their capacity to represent the diversity of Eugene's youth community.

For any questions about the Advisory Board, please contact:

Jason Dedrick - City of Eugene City Manager's Office

Email: Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov

541-682-5033

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To apply for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB), you must be attending a Eugene high school or GED program and able to commit to a 1.5-year program with monthly meetings. **No previous leadership experience is required.** Application forms should be submitted via e-mail to Jdedrick@eugene-or.gov.

Part 1: Personal Information

Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School attending for 2020-2021 school year: _____

HS Grade for 2020-2021 school year: _____ Gender: _____

Ethnicity (mark all that you identify with):

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian
- Black or African American Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin
- Middle Eastern or North African Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White Another race/identity Prefer not to answer

Part 2: Questions

Please be specific as you answer these questions in complete sentences. Your answers help us get to know you and learn about your aspirations and perspective. You can type directly in this document or type the answers in a separate document and attach them to your application. There is no word or page limit, but please be as brief as possible.

1. Why would you like to serve as a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB)?

2. What kind of perspectives or life experiences could you bring to the MYAB (e.g., experience with bullying, not feeling included or like you fit in, being unhoused, experience with city services, etc.)



3. How will serving on the MYAB help you achieve your future goals?

4. The MYAB gives youth a platform to make changes in the city. If selected to be on the board, which specific issues pertaining to the city would you like to address?

5. The City of Eugene is committed to advancing racial equity in city government and the community. What are your ideas about applying anti-racism and social justice principles as a member of the MYAB?

Part 3: Adult Recommendation

Please ask an adult who knows you well, and is not your parent, to complete the attached recommendation. It could be a teacher, coach, employer, family friend or relative or someone else. You can turn the recommendation in with your application or ask them to send in the recommendation separately.

Youth Opportunities Advisory Board 2020-2021 Adult Recommendation

_____ (name of youth) is applying to participate in the City of Eugene Mayor's Youth Advisory Board. MYAB is looking for youth who have the motivation, maturity, and interest in being the voice of Eugene's youth and availability to commit to monthly meetings. The MYAB is intended as a development opportunity, so previous leadership experience is not required.

Please help us learn more about this student by answering the following questions.

1. How long have you known the applicant?

2. How do you know the applicant has leadership potential? Please provide an example.

3. Do you think the applicant could excel in a professional environment? If so, why? Please provide an example.

4. What makes the applicant a strong and unique candidate to represent Eugene youth on a city-wide board?

Information about the Adult Recommender:

Name: _____ Email: _____
Relation to Applicant: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please return to:

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