



## 2019-2020 Decatur Youth Council Application

### ***What is the Decatur Youth Council (DYC)?***

DYC is a City of Decatur-sponsored, community-based, leadership program for high school students who live in incorporated Decatur. Members of the DYC will develop into young leaders through structured monthly educational programs and team-building activities. The program is open to high school-aged students who attend public, private, and home-based schools and who live in the city limits of Decatur. Applicants must meet the preferred qualifications:

1. Have an interest in learning about local government and how it functions.
2. Be able to think critically and articulate thoughts and ideas.
3. Be able to commit to serving at least one full term.
4. Be in good academic standing and free of any serious disciplinary infractions within the last six months.

### ***What are the DYC responsibilities?***

1. Attend City Commission meeting on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**. Members will officially be appointed at that time. **This is mandatory.**
2. Participate in the kick-off orientation on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019** from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. **This is mandatory.**
3. Attend monthly DYC meetings the first and third Wednesday of every month from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. (Note: Dates for January and February meetings are subject to change.)
4. Attend at least one City Commission meeting each term.
5. Create at least one citywide function or event.
6. Develop a public service announcement regarding an issue currently affecting the City's adolescent population.
7. Develop a communication plan to promote and inform youth about current issues affecting the adolescent population.
8. Participate in City of Decatur 2020 Strategic Plan activities.
9. Participate in community engagement for various other master plans.
10. Inform City of Decatur of the needs and wishes of the youth.
11. Volunteer for a minimum of twenty (20) hours at any city sponsored event(s). Attendance at DYC meetings will be counted as one hour.
12. Report the Council's accomplishments to the City Commission at the conclusion of each term.

## ***Application Requirements***

1. Complete the DYC application on the following pages.
2. Provide the name, title, phone number and email address for two (2) people who will serve as References. Please ensure that your References would be willing to recommend you for appointment to the DYC. At least one Reference must be a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. The second Reference may be a teacher, counselor, school administrator, employer, coach, or leadership of a club or other extracurricular activity.
3. Submit the completed application via email to [LeeAnn.Harvey@decaturga.com](mailto:LeeAnn.Harvey@decaturga.com) or mail or deliver it in person to:

Decatur City Hall  
Attn: Lee Ann Harvey  
509 N. McDonough St  
Decatur, GA 30030

**The deadline to submit the application is 5:00 pm on Monday, June 17, 2019.**

All of the applications received will be reviewed by the Decatur Youth Council Advisory Committee. Selected candidates will be called to schedule an interview. DYC members will be chosen based on academics, career goals, extracurricular activities, community service, leadership attributes, character, essay, and recommendations.

## **Application**

Please complete the information below:

### **Applicant**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2019-2020 school year \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parents/Guardians**

#### **Parent/Guardian #1:**

Parent/Guardian #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #1 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #1 Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent/Guardian #2:**

Parent/Guardian #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Emergency Contact**

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

## **References**

### **Reference #1:**

Reference #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #1 Title \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #1 Relationship to Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #1 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #1 Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Reference #2:**

Reference #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 Title \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 Relationship to Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Questions

Please type and attach responses on separate sheet of paper (approximately 250 words for each question):

1. Why do you want to serve as a member of the Decatur Youth Council?
2. What are the three most important issues to you, your friends, and/or your family concerning your community?
3. What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?
4. If you could bring one thing to the City of Decatur or change one thing, what would it be?
5. Please list any other activities you are or will be involved in during the 2019-2020 school year. Include employment, sports, community, school, or faith-based groups.
6. Based on the commitments you have already made for the upcoming school year, could you dedicate time to attend two DYC meetings each month and participate in DYC volunteer projects? Do you foresee any conflicts with this schedule? If so, what?

## Code of Conduct

- I will commit to the responsibilities of NYC.
- I will dress and act in a respectful and professional manner.
- I will be present and prompt to all meetings unless I have received an excused absence.
- I will be open-minded and inclusive to other NYC members.

## I agree to the Decatur Youth Council Code of Conduct.

Applicant Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Signature

As the parent/guardian of this applicant, I support his/her participation and commitment to the Decatur Youth Council. I understand, acknowledge, assume and accept the risk that accidents may occur while my child participates in NYC.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions or more information:

If you would like more information or have any questions regarding the 2018-19 Decatur Youth Council, please contact Lee Ann Harvey, Lifelong Community Manager, [LeeAnn.Harvey@decaturga.com](mailto:LeeAnn.Harvey@decaturga.com) or 678-553-6548.

Application is available at:

<http://www.decaturga.com/city-government/resident-boards-commissions/decatur-youth-council>

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