

Town of Rock Hall, Maryland
Mayor's Youth Advisory Council
Mayor Brian L. Jones

What is the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council?

The Town of Rock Hall offers a Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) program for young adults to have an opportunity to join a unique organization, providing valuable youth perspectives focusing on volunteerism, community service and providing feedback to the Mayor and Town leadership.

The MYAC gives input on how the Town's programs and services can benefit young people. The MYAC represents:

- Diverse ideas
- Youth from different cultural backgrounds
- Students from public, private and alternative schools

The MYAC is an ad-hoc advisory board with a maximum of 9 members that are interested in learning about municipal government, serving their community and becoming leaders among their peers.

Applications will be accepted until 9 students are granted membership on the Council.

We want it to be fun yet an effective organization for high school students who live in Rock Hall.

What does the MYAC do?

The MYAC minimizes community challenges relating to youth while encouraging positive growth and development. As a group, the MYAC meets with representatives from the Town government to learn about programs and to offer suggestions on ways government can better serve the youth of Rock Hall.

Members are asked to:

- Explore issues.
- Get the facts.
- Discuss solutions to issues defined by the youth of our community.
- Be prepared to present their findings to the Town Council.

Who should consider becoming part of the MYAC?

- High school students (grades 9 – 12) who would like to use their experience and know-how to improve the Town government.
- Those who would like to gain leadership experience.
- Those who are ready to meet new people and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

How can you become a part of the MYAC?

- Fill out and submit an application packet.
- Attend meetings and participate in MYAC events.

Why join MYAC?

- Opportunities to make life-long friendships.
- Attend events and conferences as a representative of the MYAC and the Town government.
- Have a positive impact on your community.
- Develop and enhance leadership skills.
- Have fun.

PURPOSE

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is an advisory council organized to offer youth an opportunity to participate in the Town government and provide a youthful point of view for the Town Council on community affairs and issues. The MYAC also offers participants an overview of the complexity of local government and a variety of public service opportunities, and empowers youth from various backgrounds to become active members in their community, encouraging them to have an everlasting effect on the future of Rock Hall.

MISSION

The MYAC serves Rock Hall through community participation, including organized participation in various Town-sponsored activities and events, and taking initiatives directed toward effective change that benefits local youth and provides positive community impact.

GOAL

Develop youth leaders committed to learning about local government and the roles they can have in it; make a difference in the community and the lives of youth; recognize and use the voice of Rock Hall's youth; and represent Rock Hall's youth.

To accomplish their goals, the MYAC will have access to the Town's leaders and will work actively with them to create their shared vision of a Rock Hall that values its youth.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The MYAC is a community-wide initiative to reinforce positive behaviors and attitudes among Rock Hall's youth.

MYAC members pledge to join the Town in being a role model in a community where we all respectfully and harmoniously live, work, shop and play, and to encourage personal responsibility and a commitment to ensure Rock Hall remains a community of respect, embracing and celebrating our diversity and heritage.

MYAC members promise to:

- Be a caring citizen, always looking out for and supporting others.
- Respect and listen to those in authority.
- Be considerate of the environment and the property of others.
- Be respectful in their behavior and attitude by not being disorderly, disruptive, or using inappropriate language.
- Choose not to engage in behaviors or acts harmful or offensive to themselves or myself.
- Always be brave, steadfast, and stand up for and speak up for what is right.

QUALIFICATION OF CRITERIA

- The program will only be open to high school students (Grades 9 – 12) living within Rock Hall’s corporate boundaries.
- Students themselves should complete the application.
- Applications will be evaluated and selected students will be offered an interview.
- Admission will be offered based on final evaluation of interview and applications.
- Enrollment is limited and diversity that is representative of the community is desired.
- Students must commit to attending MYAC meetings.
- The students chosen must have solid communications skills.
- The students chosen must be able to work well with others in a collaborative manner.
- The students chosen must be able to think holistically, seeing the challenges while willing to actively search for and work toward solutions to those challenges.
- The students chosen must maintain good academic performance.

APPLYING

Please click [for](#) the application packet. The Student Participation & Commitment and Parent Acknowledgement

| forms must be completed also.

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