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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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City Clerk Jim Owczarski  
414-286-2998

## **City of Milwaukee Youth Council offering unique opportunities for emerging leaders**

The emerging leaders on the **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** get to experience what it's ACTUALLY like to deliberate on a representative body that serves and advances the interests of city youth.

The Youth Council members represent young people in their aldermanic districts, and meet with leaders like the Mayor, Common Council members, School Superintendent, business owners, and community groups to advocate for issues relevant to youth. The body is comprised of 17 members, one from each of the 15 aldermanic districts and two at-large members.

**This is an outstanding opportunity to serve and to learn – and to earn some money (YC members will be paid \$25 for each meeting they attend).** Also, serving as a member of the Youth Council provides the opportunity and platform to advocate for issues important to city youth, their peers, families and the wider community. The Youth Council is responsible for an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funding, and has previously worked to address reckless driving, vehicle thefts, social media responsibility and more.

**Common Council President José G. Pérez** said youth participation in City of Milwaukee affairs can be a tremendously positive and transformative experience.

“Youth Council members have a unique opportunity to listen and learn from elected leaders and city staff members with decades of professional and lived experience, and to work collaboratively to address issues that are most important to them,” President Pérez said. “With that perspective, as they grow older and pursue their life’s ambition (possibly even including politics), they can have a baseline of information and understanding to help better impact policy, in whatever area they choose.”

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## Youth Council seeking leaders/ADD ONE

“I strongly encourage Milwaukee teens to explore what the Youth Council has to offer them,” he said.

**Alderwoman Charlen P. Moore**, who has an extensive background working with teens as part of the non-profit Urban Underground, has been serving as an advisor to the Youth Council and is dedicated to helping attract and mentor future Youth Council members.

“I am so honored to work with such a diverse and dedicated set of youth leaders who are committed to learning about city government and making a difference in the lives of their peers,” Alderwoman Moore said. “We want adequate representation and encourage eligible youth residents to apply to fill any open seats. Our city needs YOU!”

Youth Council members must live in the City of Milwaukee, and be between the ages of 14-18 with the time, energy, and passion to work for change. If you are interested in becoming a Youth Council member – or know someone who is a great candidate, have them apply online at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil>.

For additional questions, please call **City Clerk Jim Owczarski** at 414-286-2998.

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OR SCAN TO  
APPLY ONLINE



# Milwaukee Youth Council Application

Please limit your answers to the space provided.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Aldermanic District \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

It is very important that you provide a current email address or phone number where we can reach you. If you do not have a phone or email you may sign up for a free email account by visiting [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com).

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not currently attending school, do you plan to enroll?

- Yes  No  Unsure

Why do you want to join the Youth Council? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name one issue that you care deeply about: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you free every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.?

- Yes  No  Unsure

How did you hear about the council?

- School  Internet  Radio  TV  Friend  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_



The City of Milwaukee Youth Council is managed and staffed by employees of the office of the Milwaukee City Clerk. If you would like more information about the Youth Council, or are interested in becoming a member yourself, please use the contact information below.

## City of Milwaukee Youth Council

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Visit our website for details and updates:

[milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil](http://milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil)

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# Leaders Wanted!

## The City of Milwaukee Needs You!



## Make A Difference



## Travel



## Meet New People



## Learn New Skills



## Have Fun



## Who we are

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council is a powerful and diverse group of young leaders committed to making a difference in Milwaukee. We work on issues important to youth, talk to our peers, family and neighbors about their concerns and take action to address them.

## What we do

Youth Council members represent students in their schools and neighborhoods. We meet with leaders like the Mayor, Common Council, School Superintendent, business owners and community groups to advocate for youth. The community is invited to attend all Youth Council meetings.

## Who can serve

We are looking for committed young leaders between the ages of 14-18 with the ambition for change. To join you must currently live in the City of Milwaukee. If you are interested you must be able to commit to the following:

- Attend Council meetings held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of City Hall.
- Join at least one council committee, attend community events, and participate in out-of-town trips, conferences and events as needed.
- Participate in mandatory training and team building activities.

## Next steps

If you're interested in serving, here's what you need to do next:

- Complete and submit the application attached to this brochure OR apply online at the Youth Council website at [www.milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil](http://www.milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil).
- If you are chosen as a finalist you will be contacted for an in-person interview at City Hall.



## Youth Council Facts

- The City of Milwaukee Youth Council, which is attached to the office of the City Clerk, is to serve and advance the interests of city youth as a representative body in city government through a working partnership with the Common Council and the mayor.
- The youth council shall be comprised of 17 members, who shall be of ages 18 and under upon appointment.
- Members should be committed to improving the lives of all young people of Milwaukee.
- To support and build upon the city's diversity, the youth council shall nominate, for Common Council appointment to the youth council, one youth representative from each aldermanic district and encourage participation by young women and men from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

## Confirmation and term of office

- All members of the Youth Council shall be confirmed by the Common Council and take and file an oath of office before beginning their term.
- Members shall serve one-year terms and may continue to serve until he or she resigns or is replaced.
- City of Milwaukee Youth Council members will receive \$25 per meeting attended paid monthly. In addition, members receive refreshments/food for in-person meetings, a pre-paid transportation Card, and professional adult mentorship and advisement.

# Leaders Wanted!

**The City of Milwaukee  
Needs You!**



**We are looking for passionate,  
talented individuals who are  
driven to making a difference  
in their community.**

## **Advantages of Participation:**

- \$25 per meeting attended paid monthly
- Refreshments/food for in-person meetings
- Pre-paid transportation pass
- Professional adult mentorship
- Meet inspiring peers who are interested in politics and local affairs
- Actively participate and engage with Common Council members
- Start shaping your community TODAY!

**Apply now!**

[milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil](https://milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil)

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