Athens Mayor's Youth Commission Application For Previous Members

Application Deadline: Friday, Sept. 30, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Purpose: The vision for the Athens Mayor's Youth Commission is to empower caring youth dedicated to personal and professional development in government, education, and servant leadership. If you are interested in applying for membership and have served on Youth Commission previously, please complete the following application.

Requirements: Applicants MUST be students at Athens High, Athens Bible, Lindsay Lane or a home school student in the city and be in grades 10-12. Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink. You may attach additional sheets if necessary. All information must be completed in order to be considered for the Mayor's Youth Commission. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Name: _____ Age:_____
School:_____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____
Home Address: _____ Zip:_____
Telephone:_____ Cell Phone:_____
Email: _____ Additional Contact: _____
(Communication to members will be done by email unless another method is requested. Please make sure your email is legible.)

Parents/Guardian: _____ Contact Number: _____

The City of Athens does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, sex, creed, national origin or disability. This information need not be provided. It is requested to facilitate the City of Athens's goal of assembling a diverse group of students. Omitting this information will not affect your application.
Race or ethnic group: _____American Indian _____African American _____Asian _____White _____Middle Eastern _____Latino _____Other, specify _____

Gender: ___Female ___Male Birth Date: _____

What years have you previously served on the Athens Mayor's Youth Commission?
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What about the program has been most beneficial to you?
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If chosen, what you would you like for us to include in the program this year?

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What community service projects did you participate in last year on the Youth Commission? (will check our records to verify. You were required to do 3)

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Did you attend the required Athens City Council and Athens City Board of Education meetings? (We will check our records to verify). If not, explain why not.

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I have read the attached briefing on the Mayor's Youth Commission and understand the commitment required for the Mayor's Youth Commission. I also realize the importance of teamwork and cooperation and I am willing to make this commitment to serve my city.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Legal Guardian Permission: I give my permission for _____ (Student Name) to seek the position of youth commissioner on the Mayor's Youth Commission.

Signature of Parents/Guardian: _____ Date _____
Name of emergency contact and relationship to youth: _____
Emergency Telephone Number: _____ Cell: _____

All application packets must be submitted no later than Sept. 30, at 4:30 p.m. to the City of Athens Mayor's Office.
Mailing Address: Holly Hollman, City of Athens Alabama, PO Box 1089 Athens, AL 35612
Physical Address of City Hall: Holly Hollman, 1806 Wilkinson Street, Athens, AL 35611

Athens Mayor's Youth Commission Overview

Mission: The mission of the Athens Mayor's Youth Commission is to give youth a voice in our city government, allow youth the opportunity to gain knowledge and obtain a better understanding of government's role, to learn their role as citizens, to present future career pathway options for their future, and to allow youth participation in community-wide service projects and events with the City of Athens.

Eligible Students: Students in grade 10-12 from local schools including Athens High, Athens Bible, Lindsay Lane and home schooled students in the City of Athens.

Selection: Selection process will include application review and a review of your previous service. There will be 35-40 students chosen.

Term: Students will serve from October to May. Students will attend monthly meetings with the Mayor and Youth Commission Advisory Board.

Meeting times: The first meeting will be Oct. 26. Other monthly meetings will be the third Wednesday of each month (subject to change based on holidays/unexpected city events). The meetings will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch provided. Transportation can be provided to those who do not drive or do not have a ride. Community service projects will be offered throughout the term with dates TBA.

Expectations/Projects: Students will be required to do the following (Please read carefully to determine if you have the time):

- To attend monthly meetings and engage in discussions.
- Attend one Athens City Council meeting and one Athens City Board of Education meeting.
- Participate in at least 3 activities/community service projects.
- Work on the Athens 200th Birthday project such as selfie stations for a phone APP, plans to engage youth, etc.
- Oversee the Youth Commission Art Project which includes creating art themes for local students and selecting pieces for temporary display at Athens City Hall.