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City of Vicksburg's Youth Council Application Check List

Who can participate?

Vicksburg Youth in grades 10th -12th grade may qualify for membership. The Vicksburg Youth Council is looking for youth that are highly motivated, enthusiastic and committed to helping make Vicksburg a better place to grow and live.

Who are we?

Developed in 2015, the Vicksburg Youth Council (VYC) will be encompassed of students from 10th- 12th grade that are inspired and willing to take an active role in the betterment of their community.

What does the council do?

- Develop leadership, communication, and citizenship skills
- Respond to youth-related issues with community leaders
- Develop and lead initiatives with support of adult mentors
- Promote youth engagement in government affairs
- Earn community service hours by contributing to the city through volunteer service projects

Application Check List:

___ Application completely filled out w/minimum 2.5 G.P.A. requirement

___ Small photo of self attached to application

___ Two (2) Types of Recommendations (e.g. Relative and Professional)

___ Understand the mission, purpose, terms and conditions when applying to the Vicksburg Youth Council.

Please return application to:

South Ward Alderman's Office
1401 Walnut Street #203
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Phone: 601-634-4507

You can send to: Fax: 601-801-3897 or Email: southward@vicksburg.org



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City of Vicksburg's Youth Council Code of Conduct and Understanding

- ❖ I will respect my fellow team youth council peers, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and any other individual that I work with during my tenure on the Vicksburg Youth Council.
- ❖ I will work as a open minded team member with the remaining peers within the group.
- ❖ I will attend all Vicksburg Youth Council Meetings that I'm expected to be present for. If I cannot, then I will do the responsible thing and advise the Advisor and/or his office of my absence.
- ❖ I will do my best to be an active participant as a member of the Youth Council.
- ❖ I will be a responsible member of the Youth Council.
- ❖ I will display integrity at all times
- ❖ I will enjoy the experience and my time spent as a representative of my school while serving on the Vicksburg Youth Council.
- ❖ I will always possess and display a positive attitude toward my participation in the Vicksburg Youth Council meetings and will discuss issues and make useful suggestions to my peers in an orderly manner.
- ❖ I will uphold the law, expectations and rules within the organization and what I'm told to do.
- ❖ I will act as a representative of the Youth Council at all times even when I'm not conducting Vicksburg Youth Council Business.

I understand that if I do not comply and represent the council as I should and expected to as a member of the Vicksburg Youth Council, I can lose the opportunity to serve on the Council based upon the findings of the Advisor and decision of the board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Also, I have read and have understanding of the Vicksburg Youth Councils Bylaws and agree to adhere to them.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Please use black or blue ink.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

School: _____ Grade Entering: _____ Age: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Father's Name: _____ Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Please attach a small wallet size photo of self to this application upon submittal

Please list any other activities you will be involved in during the school year. Include employment, sports, community, school and religious groups. _____

Would these activities hinder your attendance, participation and productiveness for the Vicksburg Youth Council? _____ Yes or _____ No

Are you currently holding and doing your best to maintain an accumulative 2.5 G.P.A.? _____ Yes or _____ No

Signature Section:

For Student:

I understand the time and commitment and minimum requirements required for being a member of the Vicksburg Youth Council. I know that I must demonstrate appropriate conduct on the council, in school and the community. I also know the importance of academics. Therefore, I will implement effective time management strategies so that I will maintain or improve my G.P.A. while serving on the council. I am able and willing to make such commitment for the year.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Parent/Guardian:

I give permission for _____ to apply to be on the Vicksburg Youth Council. If selected, I will permit and support him/her in attending meetings and activities related to the Vicksburg Youth Council. I also give permission to use photos taken at any Vicksburg Youth Council event/events of my child in City related information and promotions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



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City of Vicksburg's Youth Council Questionnaire Form

Please use black or blue ink.

(1). Have you ever been involved in any disciplinary action or illegal activities? Please indicate one ___ Yes or ___ No. If yes, please explain in the section below.

(2). What are your strengths and weaknesses? Explain each one.

(3). What qualities and/or skills would you bring to the Vicksburg Youth Council? Explain each quality and/or skill.

(4). Essay Question.

What issues do you think the Vicksburg Youth are dealing with? Give a plan as to how the Vicksburg Youth Council can resolve these issues, if any? Six sentences minimum are required!



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Questionnaire Form continued...

(5).What does the phrase “**Community Service**” mean to you? Explain your answer in detail.

(6). How can you make a difference in our community?

(7).What are three ways you can influence your peers to produce positive behavior, good grades and serve their community? Explain your strategy in detail and be realistic with the scenarios.

(8). Have you served in any leadership position before? Please mark one ____Yes or ____No. If yes, please list them below.

(9). How would you define “Leadership”?

(10).After graduating high school, what would be your short and long term goals regarding your career? Please explain



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City of Vicksburg's Youth Council All about Me Profile...

Name: _____ Date Of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Email: _____

Hobbies/Interest: _____

Social Media Accounts: _____

Favorite TV Shows: _____ Favorite Recording Artist: _____

Favorite Song: _____ By: _____

Favorite Movie: _____ Favorite Color: _____

Favorite Book: _____ By: _____

Who do you look up to? _____

What is your dream job? _____

What do you do when you have free time? _____

How often do you think about the future? Circle one: Very Often Seldom Never

Do you have siblings? _____

What motivates you? _____

What makes you angry? _____

What makes you sad? _____

What brings you joy? _____

If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be? _____



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City of Vicksburg's Youth Council Recommendation Form A

Please use black or blue ink.

Briefly explain why you think this student should participate in the City of Vicksburg's Youth Council.

Handwritten response area with multiple horizontal lines.

Please rate the student in the categories listed using the following key: 4=Outstanding 3= Excellent 2= Average 1= Below Average X=Not observed

- List of 15 categories for rating, such as 'Demonstrates Leadership Skills', 'Regular Attendance', 'Self Discipline/Responsibility', etc.

In what capacity and how long have you known this applicant? _____

Please describe your thoughts about this student based on some of the ratings given above or maybe expound on something that the student possesses that was not mentioned above that would be an asset to them being a member of this Youth Council?

Handwritten response area with multiple horizontal lines.

Recommenders Information:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Number: _____ Position: _____ Organization: _____



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**City of Vicksburg's Youth Council
Recommendation Form B
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Briefly explain why you think this student should participate in the City of Vicksburg's Youth Council.

**Please rate the student in the categories listed using the following key:
4=Outstanding 3= Excellent 2= Average 1= Below Average X=Not observed**

- Demonstrates Leadership Skills
- Regular Attendance
- Self Discipline/Responsibility
- Participation/Dependability
- Quality of Written Expression
- Intellectual Ability
- Quality of Verbal Expression
- Initiative/Effort

- Individual/Independent Work
- Problem Solving Skills
- Completes Assignments on Time
- Exhibits positive work habits
- Time Management
- Behavior/ Self Control
- Creativity/ Resourcefulness
- Works well with others

In what capacity and how long have you known this applicant? _____

Please describe your thoughts about this student based on some of the ratings given above or maybe expound on something that the student possesses that was not mentioned above that would be an asset to them being a member of this Youth Council?

Recommenders Information:

Print Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Contact Number: _____ **Position:** _____ **Organization** _____