



Youth Advisory Committee Application Packet for the 2024-25 School Year

The City of Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) acts in an advisory capacity providing City Council and staff with valuable insight regarding youth and teen programs and services in our community. The YAC consists of a combined maximum total of 15 middle school and high school students for a minimum of a one year term.

Eligibility

YAC is open to all students currently in 6th-11th grade. You must be a Mountain View resident to apply.

Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities.
- Express an interest in advising City Council and Staff on teen issues and representing your fellow teens.
- Be open minded and willing to work with their peers.
- Commit to attend meetings and actively participate in group projects and events.

Meetings

Members of the YAC meet approximately twice per month, usually Mondays, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at The View Teen Center during the school year (late August - early June).

Expectations

- Be open minded and willing to work with their peers.
- Commit to attend meetings and actively participate in discussions and group projects.
- Volunteer at city events and community service opportunities.

Selection Process

City Staff will review all YAC applications. You will be contacted via email (1) once your application is received and (2) to let you know if you have been chosen to participate in an interview. Interviews will be held in person at The View Teen Center Apr. 3 & Apr. 4, 2024.

- YAC Member size will not exceed 15.
- Additional Member-At-Large spots available.
- Applicants will be notified via email of the Selection Committee's decision in June 2024.

Applications are due by Friday, Mar. 26, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Questions? Contact Lauren Eck, Recreation Coordinator, at (650) 903-6404 or email YAC@mountainview.gov.

Application Checklist

Completed Application

Completed Supplemental Questionnaire

1 Non-familial Letter of Recommendation

Thank you for expressing your interest in joining the City of Mountain View's Youth Advisory Committee. Please take the time to complete all sections of this application thoroughly and thoughtfully. Your responses are crucial in helping us understand your unique perspective, experiences, and aspirations. Don't hesitate to share your achievements, challenges you've overcome, and the innovative ideas you bring to the table.

If you have any questions along the way, please contact Lauren Eck, Recreation Coordinator, at (650) 903-6404 or email YAC@mountainview.gov.

Please submit completed application packets by:

EMAIL

YAC@MountainView.gov

MAIL

City of Mountain View
Recreation Division
Attn: Lauren Eck
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039

DROP-OFF

Mountain View Community Center
201 South Rengstorff Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94040

OR

The View Teen Center
263 Escuela Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94040

Youth Advisory Committee Application

INTERNAL USE ONLY

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DATE _____

BY _____

YOUR INFORMATION

**Note: You must be a Mountain View resident and currently in 6th-11th grade to apply.*

First & Last Name: _____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____

Address*: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

2024-25 School: _____ 2024-25 Grade: _____

Pronouns: He/Him/His She/Her/Hers They/Them/Theirs Prefer not to answer

T-Shirt Size: Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

I, _____, am committed to attending Youth Advisory Committee meetings and actively participating in Youth Advisory Committee projects and outings.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Your parent/guardian must sign this application below to inform the City that you have their approval to participate in YAC. Meetings may be at various times and locations throughout the City of Mountain View and beyond City boundaries.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supplemental Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions. Your answers can be written or typed. Answers should be a minimum of 2-3 sentences. Please be prepared to expand upon your answers during your in-person interview. You may type or write your answers on a separate sheet of paper, if needed.

1. Please tell us about yourself, your interests, and what motivates you to join the Youth Advisory Committee.

2. Describe any past or current involvement you have had in community service, volunteering, or extracurricular activities. How have these experiences shaped your understanding of community needs and the role of youth in addressing them?

3. Share an example of a time when you demonstrated leadership or collaborated with others to achieve a common goal. How do you envision applying these skills within the Youth Advisory Committee to foster positive change?

4. Are you/have you been involved with any other organizations or groups (councils, clubs, boards, groups, tutoring, etc.)? Please tell us about them!

5. Identify and discuss one or more issues that you believe significantly affect young people in our community. What solutions or initiatives would you propose to address these challenges, and how can the Youth Advisory Committee contribute to these efforts?

6. Outline your key strengths, skills, or talents that you believe would be valuable assets to the Youth Advisory Committee.

7. The Youth Advisory Committee requires active participation and commitment. Can you outline any potential time constraints (school/club sports, jobs, clubs, extracurriculars, etc.), and how you would plan to balance your involvement in the committee with other responsibilities?

8. Please share with us a personal or academic achievement that you are proud of.

9. How did you hear about the Youth Advisory Committee?

Please check all that apply.

Current YAC Member

Friends/Family

Social Media

The View Teen Center

City of Mountain View Website

City of Mountain View Activity Guide

Other: _____

School/Teacher/School Announcements
