



Application for the Mayor's Youth Commission
Sioux City, Iowa

Mission: To explore, communicate, and provide for the needs, problems, issues, and activities affecting the City's youth.

Date Application Submitted: _____

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Cell #: _____ May We Text You? (Circle One) Yes No

To receive text reminders from MYC via REMIND, text @9g7h89 to 81010.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ (Must be in 9th or 10th)

Graduation Year: _____ Gender: _____

Email address-Youth: _____

Email address-Parent: _____

Race (Select all that apply): Caucasian (White) African Am.
 Latino/Hispanic Asian American
 Native American Other: _____

What do you feel are your three strongest qualities as an individual?

What do you feel is the biggest problem facing youth today and what do you think the Mayor's Youth Commission can do to address the problem?

What conflicts would you have on Monday nights between 7 and 8:30?

In order of priority with 1 being the most important, what school, community organizations, and/or clubs do you belong to? Please estimate your time for each commitment.

School / Community Organization / Club	Time Commitment (hrs/week)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

What special interests hobbies or skills would you bring to the MYC?

Circle ALL that apply.

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|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Art | Athletics | Critical Thinking |
| Government | Graphic Design | Leadership |
| Newspaper Articles | Public Speaking | Video Production |
| Volunteering | Web Design | Writing |

Student Signature Date

Publicity (Photo release - please sign)

I give my permission for _____ to be photographed and/or interviewed by the news media for activities of the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission, as approved by Siouxland CARES.

Name of Student (Please print) _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____
(parent/guardian)

Questions may be directed to Siouxland CARES at 712-255-3188 or email siouxcitymyc@gmail.com.

The completed application should be postmarked no later than October 31 and contain the following parts:

1. Application (2 pages)
2. Signed and properly notarized Good Conduct Policy, Release of Information and Liability Waiver (3 pages)

**Please mail completed application to:
Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission, P.O. Box 4553, Sioux City, IA 51102**

The City of Sioux City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the City of Sioux City are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Officer, City Hall, 405 6th Street, Room 204, (712)-279-6259. This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

GOOD CONDUCT POLICY

Any Mayor's Youth Commission member is covered by the Good Conduct Policy for their term of office with the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission. The rule is in effect year round, 365 days a year.

Any member will be denied eligibility to participate if he or she:

1. Consumes, transports, sells, or is individually or collectively in possession of any type of alcoholic beverage. This includes, but is not limited to, presence at parties or in vehicles where alcohol is present. The only exception to this is under the direct supervision the member's parents.
2. Uses, consumes, chews, or is in the possession of any type of tobacco substance.
3. Uses, transports, sells, or is individually or collectively in possession of any mood, mind, or behavior altering drug or controlled substances as defined in Iowa Code, except those that have been prescribed by a licensed physician for that individual. This includes, but is not limited to, presence at parties or in vehicles where behavior altering drugs or controlled substances are present.
4. Commits a crime punishable by local, state, or federal law, except simple misdemeanors under the Motor Vehicle Code. Some, but not all, of the crimes covered are: theft, vandalism, shoplifting, and malicious mischief.

Violation of any of the above will result in the following:

FIRST STAGE DISCIPLINE: If the first violation constitutes a simple misdemeanor including municipal infraction the penalty shall be as follows: A 30-day suspension from any Youth Commission meetings or activities and completion of 20 hours of community service within the 30 day period. All meetings missed are unexcused. (single event, multiple simple misdemeanor charges = first offense). (Failure to comply with this policy will result in termination from the Mayor's Youth Commission.)

SECOND STAGE DISCIPLINE: For a second simple misdemeanor violation or if the first violation is classified as a serious misdemeanor the penalty is as follows: A 60-day suspension from any Youth Commission meetings or activities and completion of 40 hours of community service within the 60 day period. All meetings missed are unexcused. (serious misdemeanor = second offense). (Failure to comply with this policy will result in termination from the Mayor's Youth Commission.)

THIRD STAGE DISCIPLINE: For any simple or serious misdemeanor violation following a second stage discipline or a first violation which is classified as an aggravated misdemeanor or felony the penalty is as follows: Termination as a member of the Youth Commission.

Community service will be completed with organizations approved by the Mayor's Youth Commission unless pre-approved before beginning of community service by the executive council. A time extension may be granted to complete community service hours by the executive council for just cause.

MEMBERS SEEKING HELP

Information received from members and/or parents who voluntarily seek help concerning a member's use/abuse of alcohol and other drugs before being found to be using or in possession of such substances by school or law officials will be maintained in confidence and will not serve as a basis for disciplinary action. However, this does not provide immunity from disciplinary action should the members continue to violate this Policy. The Youth Commission recognizes that individuals may need professional help in dealing with chemical use, abuse and dependency. It is recommended that members who violate the alcohol and other drug policies seek appropriate help and guidance.

DETERMINING OCCURENCE OF VIOLATION

In determining whether a violation has occurred, the Adult Advisors shall employ a "preponderance of the evidence" standard. This standard is satisfied when the decision-maker finds that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred. The Adult Advisors may consider all types of evidence, including hearsay, and shall determine the appropriate weight to be given to each item of evidence. Evidence may include, but shall not be limited to, the member's admission, observation by a member of the Youth Commission, Adult Advisors, City Liaison, or City staff, referral to the juvenile court system and/or imposition of a penalty by the court system, including the juvenile intake system. In the event that a situation occurs which is not covered in this policy, the Adult Advisors will provide a ruling based upon the intentions of the policy.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Any member disciplined or terminated may appeal under due process. The appeal board will be made up of (1) the adult advisors and (2) five (5) members of the executive council drawn at random. The member of the executive council holding the position of legal advisor or designee shall present the case with the city legal staff and city liaison acting as a resource. The purpose of the appeal will be to either deny or sustain the suspension. The appeal board does not have authority to modify the suspension or termination. It shall require a vote of 60% or more of the members of the appeal board to sustain a disciplinary action. Any member of the executive council or Adult Advisor having direct personal knowledge of the events leading to the suspension or termination shall not serve as a member of the appeal board.

Members are expected to display the six pillars of character at all times while present at all Mayor's Youth Commission activities. These six pillars include: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Additionally, I pledge that I will respect myself; respect others and their property; respect diversity among people; share my feelings honestly; listen carefully to others; respect the environment; and challenge violence in all its forms.

This Policy and the attached Addendum must be signed by **both** the member and parent/guardian and returned to acknowledge they have read the Policy and the member agrees to adhere to this policy while participating as a member of the S.C. Mayor's Youth Commission.

Signed _____ Date _____
Student

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND/OR JUVENILE COURT SERVICES:

This is your full and sufficient authority pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 232.147, 232.23, 915.25, 22.7(5) and 22.7(18) to release to the Mayor's Youth Commission City Liaison and/or the Mayor's Youth Commission Adult Advisors and Executive Council Members any information, statements, records, or reports concerning the undersigned member of the Mayor's Youth Commission.

A photocopy, as duly executed, shall have the same force and effect as this original.

DATE

STUDENT

PARENT/GUARDIAN/LEGAL CUSTODIAN OF MEMBER

Release executed on the ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (student) and _____ (parent/legal guardian of student) of _____, herein referred to as "Releasers", in favor of the City of Sioux City, Iowa, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Iowa, with its principal place of business at City Hall, 405 E. 6th Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101.

The Releasers hereby expressly releases the City of Sioux City, Iowa and its agents, employees, successors, and assigns including but not limited to the Adult Advisors of the Mayor's Youth Commission, the Law Enforcement Agency providing information pursuant to this release and Juvenile Court Services from all liability for claims and demands arising out of the agreement as set forth below.

Releasers hereby authorize any Law Enforcement Agency and/or Juvenile Court Services to convey to the City Liaison for the Mayor's Youth Commission any information, statements, records or reports concerning citations, complaints, investigations, detentions or arrests of the undersigned.

Releasers further agree to indemnify and save harmless the City of Sioux City, Iowa, the Law Enforcement Agency and/or Juvenile Court services, their agents, employees, successors, and assigns from any and all claims and liability for damages, losses, or expenses of any sort arising from the release of the above information, statements, records or reports to the City Liaison for the Mayor's Youth Commission, the Adult Advisors of the Mayor's Youth Commission and/or the Executive Council of the Mayor's Youth Commission.

LIABILITY WAIVER

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT NOTICE:

This is a legally binding agreement. I understand that by signing this Waiver of Liability, I release and hold harmless Siouxland CARES, the City of Sioux City and the Mayor's Youth Commission and its directors, officers, advisors, employees, agents, volunteers, and all other persons or entities acting for them from any and all claims, demands, suits, cost and charges, in connection with or arising out of the Mayor's Youth Commission program, including but not limited to, personal injury, bodily harm, injury, or property damage occurring while the above child/children is/are in their care at Mayor's Youth Commission meetings and activities as well as volunteering at community events. I have read and understand the Mayors Youth Commission Policy.

Releasors warrant and agree that they have read and understood the contents hereof, and that they have the right and authority to execute this release.

In witness whereof, Releasors have executed this release in the City of

_____, State of _____, on the date and year written above.

RELEASOR (Student)

RELEASOR (Parent/Guardian/Legal Custodian of Student)

State of Iowa)
)ss.
County of _____)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by

_____ on this
(Name of Releasor(s))

_____ day of _____, 20_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(Free Notary service available at City Hall, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101, 712-279-6132)

To be kept by Applicant

SIoux CITY MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
Sioux City, Iowa

The mission of the Mayor's Youth Commission is to explore, communicate, and provide for the needs, problems, issues, and activities affecting the city's youth.

OUTCOMES FOR THIS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Youth make a positive impact in their community and feel valued.
- Youth develop to their full potential.
- Youth attending leadership sessions increase knowledge and skills.
- Youth participating in community service and activities feel they have made a positive contribution to their community.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP Any student enrolled in a Sioux City high school, residing in Sioux City but attending a school outside of Sioux City, or residing in Sioux City and being homeschooled, is eligible for membership on the Mayor's Youth Commission.

APPLICATION Applications are available in school offices and in the City Clerk's office during the month of October. Eligible students must complete an application by October 31st and shall be approved and appointed by the City Council from recommendations made by Siouxland CARES.

TERMS Students may serve on the Mayor's Youth Commission for a term not to exceed three (3) years. Terms shall commence on January 1st and terminate December 31st. All new appointees shall be at least a ninth grader/freshmen, and not yet an eleventh grader/junior for the school year in the year of their appointment. The Executive Council will review applications by eleventh graders/juniors who were unable to make application in their freshman or sophomore year. Recommendations to appoint juniors shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

REQUIREMENTS Executive Council and members shall attend ten (10) activities or meetings and shall follow the Good Conduct Policy.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (Meets generally on the first Monday of every month from 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Building)

The management and administration of the affairs of this organization shall be by an Executive Council consisting of no more than twenty (20) members who have served for at least one year on the Youth Commission and who are selected by their peers. The duties of the Executive Council are to: (a) ratify the actions of the planning department; (b) approve the plans of work of the planning department; (c) approve a budget for the fiscal year; (d) elect officers annually; (e) approve bylaw changes; and, (f) make an oral presentation annually to the City Council to update it on all Mayor's Youth Commission activities.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT (Meets generally on the third Monday of every month from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at City Hall, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, Iowa)

- (a) *Legislative:* The Legislative Planning Department shall be responsible for issues and bills affecting youth in the Iowa State Legislature and in the Sioux City City Council. The Legislative Committee shall make recommendations to the Sioux City City Council and shall act as liaison between the City and the Sioux City high schools.
- (b) *Youth Development:* Promoting and maintaining the SC MYC Disc Golf Course, participating in community service projects, coordinating the Young Ambassadors program, and assisting local agencies in securing funding for special projects.
- (c) *Leadership:* The Leadership Planning Department shall be responsible for informing their peers about leadership opportunities; coordinate trainings for members; and coordinate an annual leadership forum.

*The Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission is sponsored by the City of Sioux City, Iowa,
in cooperation with Siouxland CARES About Substance Abuse.*