



CITY OF TERRE HAUTE
MAYOR'S OFFICE

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The Mayor's Youth Council is seeking applicants for the 2025/2026 school year. The program is free and open to juniors and seniors who attend a Vigo County School Corporation high school.

The Mayor's Youth Council is seeking students of outstanding character to be a voice and represent young people in city government. Council responsibilities will include advising the Mayor on issues relevant to youth, learning about municipal government and the importance of civic participation, and discussing and educating their peers on council initiatives. Members will perform community outreach, participate on advisory boards as a non-voting member, and organize service projects relating primarily to youth.

The Council will have 1-2 regular monthly meetings along with 2 advisory board meetings per semester. The Council members will also be required to complete 10 hours of community service. In addition, the Mayor's Youth Council may attend events and activities related to their initiatives and responsibilities.

The application deadline for the 2025/2026 school year is Monday, June 9, 2025. Please submit your application via email to ladonna.ingram@terrehaute.in.gov or drop of the completed application to the Mayor's office at Terre Haute City Hall. If you have any questions regarding the Mayor's Youth Council or the application process, please call the Mayor's Office at 812-244-2303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Sakbun", is written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Sakbun

Mayor City of Terre Haute





The Terre Haute Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) is seeking applicants to lead initiatives and provide a voice for their peers to the city government of Terre Haute, Indiana. The selection committee hopes to create a diverse body of dedicated individuals.

Selection Criteria

- The council will be composed of senior and junior high school students who bring an important voice to the table.
- Applications are open to high school seniors and juniors, during the 2025/2026 school year, who attend a Vigo County School Corporation high school.
- Students must be willing to be active in their community and be dedicated to active participation in the MYC.

Application Requirements

1. Completed Application
2. Student and Parent Commitment Agreement
3. Letter to Selection Committee
4. Letter of Recommendation

All required application materials must be submitted by Monday, June 9, 2025, and emailed to ladonna.ingram@terrehaute.in.gov or dropped at the Mayor's Office.

Mayor Brandon Sakbun
Attention: Mayor's Youth Council
17 Harding Ave.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
Phone: 812-244-2303



2025/2026 Mayor's Youth Council Application

Please complete all following materials legibly and in black or blue ink.

Name_____

(First, Middle, Last)

Home Address_____

(Street, City, State, Zip)

Phone Number_____

Email Address_____

Date of Birth_____

School Attending_____

Grade Level for 2025/2026 school year (ie: Junior or Senior)_____

Gender_____

GPA_____

Applicants may be contacted for an interview.

Materials submitted to the City of Terre Haute become a public record. Information regarding minors would be redacted from requests to view or obtain copies of said materials.



Student Commitment Agreement

Attendance is essential to achieve the objectives of the Terre Haute Mayor's Youth Council.

Youth Council members are required to attend 1-2 monthly meetings of the Mayor's Youth Council.

Youth Council members are required to attend their assigned advisory board meeting two times a semester.

Youth Council members are required to complete 10 hours of community service per semester.

Youth Council members must abide by the following code of conduct:

- Be respectful of themselves and others
- Uphold the law
- Be professional, accepting, and open-minded. Listen and consider other people's ideas and feelings
- Be present, mindful, and engaged
- Be a team player
- Do not participate in or allow bullying of any kind
- Communicate openly and honestly with each other, mentors, city staff, elected officials, and program leaders
- Bring a positive attitude to meetings

I understand the commitment that I am making if I am selected as a member of the Terre Haute Mayor's Youth Council.

Student Signature

Date



Parental Acknowledgment

- I recognize that my child is applying to serve on the Terre Haute mayor's Youth Council. I give my full consent for this and all related activities.
- I understand the participation requirements for my child to attend meetings and that excessive absence may result in removal from the Mayor's Youth Council.
- I give my permission for my child's photograph to be released in promotional material related to the Mayor's Youth Council.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Phone Number



Letter to Selection Committee

Please compose a typed letter introducing yourself. Use this letter to explain why we should select you to represent the voices of your peers. The letter must answer the following questions:

- What experience(s) do you bring that could benefit the council?
- What groups do you represent? (ie: sports, music, art, clubs, faith based, ect.)
- What issues do you believe students can impact in the community and the City of Terre Haute and how do you think these issues can be tackled?

If you would like to share more with us, please consider the following optional questions:

- What sets you apart from your peers?
- What are your hobbies?
- Why do you want to be a member of the Mayor's Youth Council?
- Why are you the best voice for your peers?
- If you could change something about your generation, what would it be and why?

Attaching a resume is welcomed, but optional.

Letter of Recommendation

Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a non-relative employer, teacher, school administrator, non-elected government employee, non-elected community leader, athletic coach, or religious advisor, who knows the student and can vouch for the student's character and commitment in his/her community.