

The City of Natchitoches Mayor Youth Council's mission is to promote civic engagement and inspire the next generation of leaders by promoting participation in city government and volunteerism.

### **What is the Mayor's Youth Council?**

- Created in 2021 with the selection of 25 students by an application process.
- A semester-long program for Natchitoches Central, Natchitoches Parish Technical and Career Center, St. Mary's, Louisiana School for the Math, Science, and the Arts, and Lakeview high school students.
- Works to empower its members to advocate for causes relevant to area youth.
- Provides our next generation of leaders a voice in city government and community affairs.

### **What are the requirements for membership?**

- Must complete an application.
- Must be in the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade attending a public school or private school in the City of Natchitoches.
- Must have a GPA of at least a 2.5.
- Must commit to attending scheduled meetings and working many community events.
- Must participate in a culminating activity focused on advancing the City of Natchitoches.

### **When are the meetings held?**

- The Mayor's Youth Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month during the school year at the City Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

### **What are the benefits?**

- Creates awareness and encourages involvement of Natchitoches youth in city government and community affairs.
- Youth learn the inner workings of city government and use their voice as the leaders of tomorrow.
- Enhances civic participation and positive youth activism.
- Establishes a network that benefits our future; youth have access to the Mayor and City Council during their one-year term.

### **Acceptance on the Mayor's Youth Council**

- Enrollment is limited and diversity is sought in every class.
- Applicants will be selected based on advice from local schools.
- Letter of acceptance will be mailed or electronically sent to students selected.

### **How to apply?**

Join your peers in helping to make a difference throughout your city! To apply, please download a copy of the application at [www.natchitochesla.gov](http://www.natchitochesla.gov) and mail your completed application to the Office of the Mayor, 700 Second St., Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457. You may also pick up a copy at your school. Should you have any questions, please call 318-352-2772. All applications must be received by the close of business on Friday, December 10, 2021.