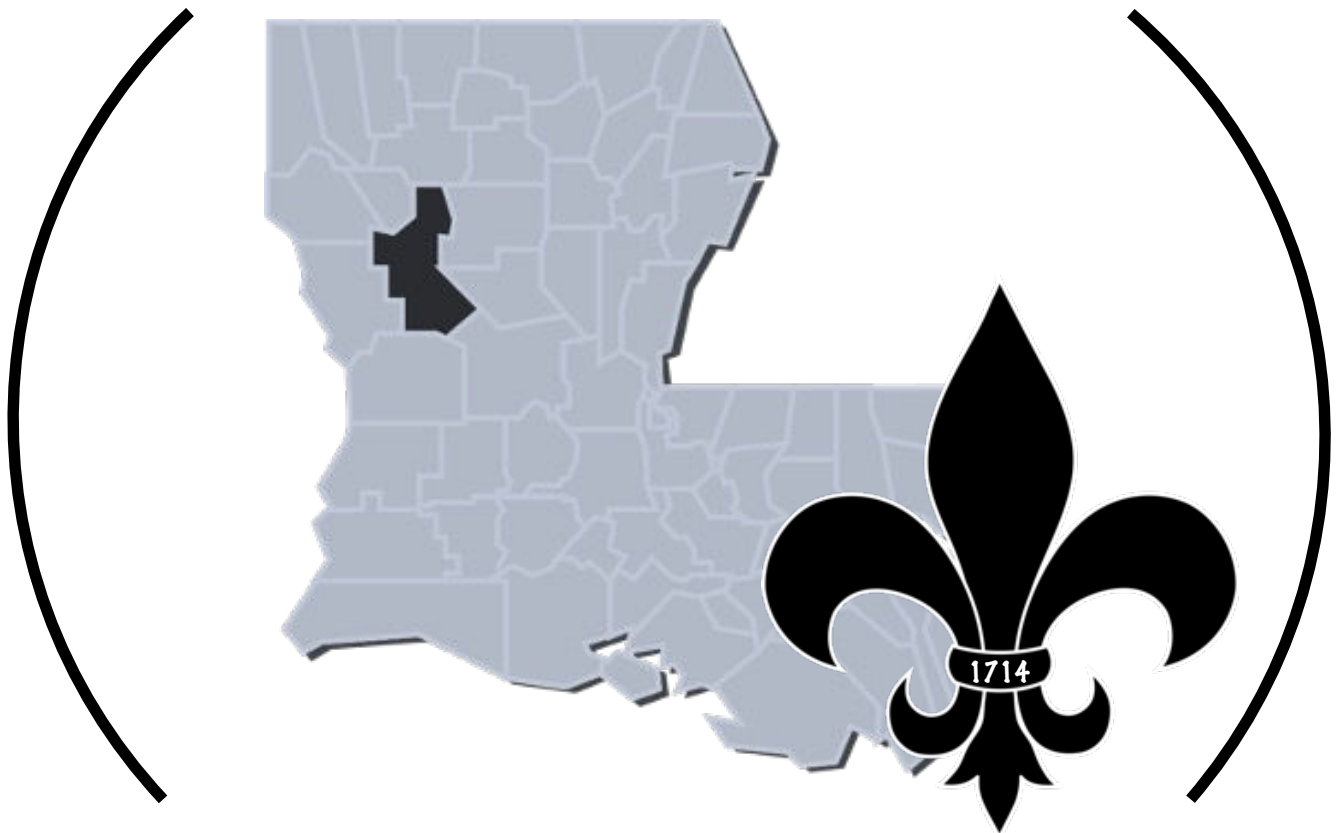


MAYOR'S



YOUTH COUNCIL

Natchitoches, LA

*COHORT 4
2024-2025*

The Mayor's Youth Council of Natchitoches was reestablished under the administration of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr. The objectives of the Mayor's Youth Council are to encourage engagement, leadership development, community service, and a lifelong commitment to civic engagement.

Students will actively **engage** in the civic and political life of the Natchitoches community. Students will be encouraged to participate in local government, provide input on policies, and voice their concerns.

Students will be empowered to take on **leadership** roles and develop skills and confidence in areas such as public speaking, advocacy, and community organizing preparing them for future leadership roles.

Students will plan and participate in **community service** projects that benefit the local community.

Students will be provided the opportunity to have a meaningful say in decisions that impact their lives and the future of the Natchitoches community. Students can encourage the Mayor and city leadership to consider youth perspectives in their decision-making processes. Students will be encouraged to continue their **commitment** to civic engagement as they enter adulthood and throughout their lives.

Tentative schedule of Mayor's Youth Council events*:



December/January: Induction Ceremony

January: Natchitoches, the Melting Pot

February: Black History in the City of Natchitoches

March: MYC Free Choice Activity

April: Earth Day Activity

May: Council Meeting Recognition/ MYC Closing
Reception

*Meeting topics and dates are subject to change

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WHERE HISTORY LIVES

Thank you for your interest in the Mayor's Youth Council. Complete and return this application by **Thursday, November 14, 2024** to the Natchitoches Mayor's Office by mail, email, or in person to 700 2nd Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457. New applications must include one letter of recommendation from a teacher, pastor, coach, etc. Returning council members do not need a letter or recommendation.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Junior Senior

Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt Size _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Student's Cell Number: _____ Parent's Cell Number: _____

School Attending: _____

What activities are you involved in throughout the school year? Include employment, sports, community service, religious groups, etc.

What does civic engagement mean to you?

Why do you want to serve as a member of the Mayor's Youth Council?

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WHERE HISTORY LIVES

The Mayor's Youth Council meets monthly from January to May. Some months include extra events. Prior notice of all events will be communicated via the Mayor's Youth Council Group Me App. Council members are required to check the app regularly for information.

If selected to participate in the Mayor's Youth Council, I commit to the following requirements:

1. Attend an Induction and Commencement Ceremony at City Hall.
2. Complete a minimum of 12 hours of community service per school year.
3. **Attend 70% of Youth Council meetings and events.**

My signature below indicates my commitment to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council. I understand that failure to adhere to the requirements listed above could result in being dismissed from the Mayor's Youth Council.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Cell Number: _____

Photo Release

I, _____, hereby grant permission to The Mayor's Youth Council and the City of Natchitoches to use the likeness of _____, in photographs, videos, audio recordings, and any other media in any and all of its publications, including website entries.

Parental Consent

My signature below indicates my permission for _____, to participant, if selected, on the Mayor's Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____