



MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION 2024-2025

DUE DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.



2023-2024 Commission Members

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To complete the application online, go to: www.ourcommission.org/apply



ABOUT MYC

The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) is the official youth policy body to the Multnomah County Board and Portland City Council. This diverse group of youth (ages 13-21) live, work, attend school, and/or attend an out-of-school program in Multnomah County or the City of Portland. Youth commissioners provide advice about the decisions the City & County make that affect young people. They also advocate for a youth agenda of positive policy changes, guided by “**Our Bill of Rights: Children & Youth**”, the nation’s first Bill of Rights written for and by young people. Providing a voice for our community’s youth, the MYC is supported and funded by the Multnomah County Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE) and the City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life.

Decisions are made every day that affect the lives of young people, many times with little to no input from those impacted by the decisions. The purpose of the MYC is to involve youth in all levels of community decision-making.

DUTIES

Youth commissioners are **NOT** selected based on grades, school attendance, extra curricular involvement, academic skills, or previous leadership experience. Youth commissioners **ARE** selected based on passion for making change, dedication to improving our community, and bringing unique perspective and voice to the work.

Two types of member positions are available: Voting and At-Large. The MYC selection committee will determine which position is most appropriate for individual applicants. Youth Commissioners participate as non-paid volunteers.

VOTING MEMBERS:

- Commit 15 hours per month to MYC activities, including meetings in Portland and East County (Gresham) on two Sundays of every month from 4:30-7:30pm, and one after-school meeting per week.
- Attend all meetings of the MYC and be ready to participate, be engaged, and work as a group.
- Assist in creating a work plan for achieving the goals established during the past term and at the 2023-24 Youth Commission Fall retreat.
- Ensure that the MYC and its subcommittees complete assigned duties within the work plan and make progress on each of the goals.
- Seek the opinions, thoughts, and ideas of community youth to inform MYC activities.

AT-LARGE MEMBERS:

- Follow all the same duties as voting members but have less demanding attendance and time commitments. At-Large members are required to commit 7 hours per month to MYC activities. Sunday meeting attendance is expected.



REQUIREMENTS

- Must live, work, go to school, or attend an out-of-school program in Multnomah County or the City of Portland.
- Willingness to improve communication skills *and* openness to continued growth in this area.
- Respectfully address conflict and oppression in all its various forms.
- Work in partnership with both youth and adults; ensure that both youth and adults feel valued and respected.
- **Attend meetings in various locations and settings across the City and County.** We follow Multnomah County COVID-19 safety guidelines, and for any changes to in-person activities and meetings.
- Actively participate in Commission activities and complete all tasks assigned.
- Willingness to learn City/County systems and departments and an ability to work with those systems to affect positive change for youth (we provide the training for this).

IMPORTANT NOTE!

MYC works to minimize barriers to participation for all members.

Need a TriMet pass to get around? *We got you!*

Hungry? *We provide food at (almost) all meetings!*

Broke? *ALL MYC activities are at NO COST to you!*

Never been involved in leadership activities before? *No problem!*

Don't know anything (yet) about City and County governance but really passionate about making change in our community? *MYC will help you gain the knowledge and skills!*

Application (including recommendations) due by:

Monday, April 15th 2024 by 11:59pm

You can submit online, mail, fax, or email to:

Multnomah Youth Commission
ATTN: Erika Molina Rodriguez
10317 E Burnside, Portland, OR 97216
multnomahyouth@gmail.com
www.ourcommission.org
Call/text: 971.803.2559 // Fax: 503.988.6240



APPLICATION 2024-2025

NAME _____ PRONOUNS _____ GENDER (optional) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE (OR PRIMARY PHONE) _____ HOME PHONE _____

AGE _____ BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YY) _____

LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME _____

If you are in school...

Which SCHOOL will you attend in Fall 2024? _____

What GRADE will you be in? 7 8 9 10 11 12 College Home-school

If you are not in school...

What are your plans for Fall 2024? _____

How did you hear about the MYC? Check all that apply.

____ Parent ____ Presentation ____ Flyer
____ Teacher/Counselor ____ Website ____ Radio
____ Friend ____ Email

____ Referred to by another youth commissioner...Who?

____ Social media...Which? _____

____ Other...Where? _____

CURRENT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS WILL REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION. PLEASE GIVE SINCERE AND HEARTFELT RESPONSES. THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF YOUR APPLICATION IS THAT YOU BE YOURSELF. WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU!

Please answer the following 5 questions in *no more than 1 page front & back*.

TYPED or USING BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY

You can use the lined sheets of paper provided (next page) or you can attach your own paper.

1. Please share with us some of the issues that are important to you or young people you know. Share any community service or advocacy you have done around these issues. (It's ok if you haven't done any community service or advocacy before. No worries!)
2. Why do you want to be a member of the Youth Commission? Please describe any communities you represent or could help engage in the work of the MYC.
3. Commissioners are required to commit at least 15 hours per month (7 hours for At-Large members), including attending meetings in Portland & East County (Gresham) on two Sundays of every month from 4:30-7:30pm and one afternoon meeting per week. Members are only allowed to miss three MYC Sunday meetings in a 6-month period. Describe other school or community activities you are involved in and how you will balance your schedule in order to honor the commitment to the MYC.
4. Please share something about yourself that you have not already shared. What else would you like us to know about you? Feel free to share any hobbies you have, something you are proud of or any other interest you have. Your response to this question (and your whole application) will allow us to get to know you better as a person, questions will be shared with MYC's staff and selection committee, but will be otherwise confidential.
5. On the Youth Commission, sometimes you have to think outside the box. Your last task is to draw, attach, or email something that shows your ability to think outside the box. Examples: poem, story, art you created, YouTube video, Pinterest image, etc. If you would like to show us something online, please email us a link or file to multnomahyouth@gmail.com and write down below that you will be emailing us your response.

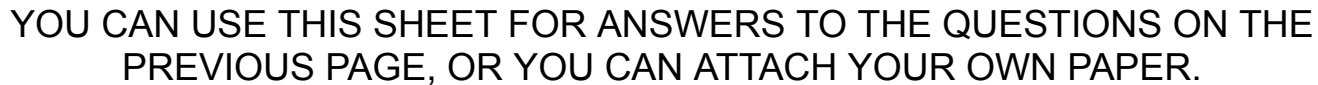
Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Applicant Signature _____

(If you are under the age of 18 please have your parent or legal guardian sign so we know they are notified of your application to the Youth Commission).

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

[illegible]

[illegible]

ALL QUALIFYING MYC APPLICANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED.
It's a group interview and it's fun!

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM TO TELL US WHICH INTERVIEW YOU WILL ATTEND.
Submission of form AND attendance at your interview are REQUIRED.

YOUTH COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

Check **ONE** (and mark your calendar)

THURSDAY, MAY 9th, 2024

4:30PM - 6:30PM

MYC Gateway Office
10317 E Burnside St
Portland, OR

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Yes! I will attend this interview session.

SATURDAY MAY 11th, 2024

11:00AM - 1:00PM

Gresham Schools Building
1331 NW Eastman Pkwy
Gresham, OR 97030

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Yes! I will attend this interview session.

If you have any questions or **need accommodations** for the group interview, please email staff at
multnomahyouth@gmail.com



REFERENCE #1

To the applicant: Your MYC application requires references from TWO people. We encourage you to submit one reference from a PEER (another young person you know—maybe a classmate or teammate or someone you know from another program you are a part of) and one reference from an ADULT (could be a teacher, counselor, mentor, etc). IF you can't get one peer and one adult, you can submit two peer references OR two adult references. PLEASE do your best to get two references. **If you can't get two references, you can still apply, and you will be interviewed.** References cannot be someone you are related to.

To the person providing the reference: To submit this reference, you can place this form (or a letter or recommendation) in a sealed and signed envelope and give it to the applicant to submit with their application -OR- submit directly to MYC at the address or email below -OR- complete online at www.OurCommission.org/apply. Complete applications must be received **NO LATER THAN Monday, APRIL 15th, 2024 at 11:59pm.**

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RECOMMENDER INFO	
NAME _____	DATE _____
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____
EMAIL _____	
CELL PHONE (OR PRIMARY PHONE) _____	HOME PHONE _____
How long have you known the applicant?	
What is your relationship to the applicant?	

****Please complete the reference questions found on the following page****

REFERENCE #1 - Questions

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICANT.
YOU CAN ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NEEDED.**

MYC needs members who are dependable and will follow through on commitments. Please describe the dependability of the applicant.

MYC needs both leaders and team members. Please describe a time when this applicant either demonstrated leadership or ability to follow direction. Describe the applicant's teamwork style.

What are some of the applicant's strengths? Describe a time when you saw the applicant demonstrate one of these strengths.



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DID YOU REMEMBER TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED PARTS OF THE APPLICATION?

- ☐ APPLICATION PAGE (PERSONAL INFO) (page 4)
- ☐ SIGNATURES (page 5)
- ☐ RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS #1-5 (page 6 & 7 or your own paper)
- ☐ INTERVIEW DATE SELECTION (page 8)
- ☐ REFERENCE #1 (pages 9 & 10)
- ☐ REFERENCE #2 (pages 11& 12)

Want to know more about MYC?
Watch this video!
<https://tinyurl.com/mtbhnrtp>

You will be notified by May 31st, 2024, if you are selected to serve as a Youth Commissioner for the 2024-2025 term.