

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR USD 261 STUDENTS

MAYOR'S
YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL



UNITING STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

MYLC is made up of high school aged leaders from the Haysville area, selected by Haysville Mayor Russ Kessler. The Council was created to raise awareness and involvement of Haysville youth in city government and develop leadership skills.



Apps for 2026-27 due by May 11, 2026!

APPLY TO JOIN IF:

YOU ARE CURRENTLY
IN GRADES 8-11

LIVE WITHIN THE USD
261 DISTRICT

ENJOY NEW AND
CHALLENGING
EXPERIENCES

YOU WANT A VOICE IN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REQUEST APPLICATION:

WILL BLACK
CHIEF ADMIN OFFICER
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How to Apply

1. Complete and sign this application (please print or type).
2. Insert an official verification of your grade point average.
3. Obtain your parent's or legal guardian's signature, giving you permission to participate.
4. Submit your application by **Monday, May 11, 2026** using one of the following methods:
 - a. Mail or deliver the application to:

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council
C/O Will Black
City of Haysville
200 W. Grand Ave.
Haysville, KS 67060

- b. Email a signed copy of the application to wblack@haysvilleks.gov
 - In the subject line, please type, "[First Name] [Last Name] – MYLC Application."

Selection Criteria

Selections will be made based on the following criteria:

- The student's interest in serving on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (MYLC). Participation includes attending regular MYLC and committee meetings each month along with other meetings and events as they arise.
- The student's history of active community involvement, volunteerism, a desire to serve others, and public service.
- The student's interest in a post-secondary education.
- The student's desire to develop his/her leadership potential.
- The student's history of academic achievement.
- Feedback from the student's references.
- An interview with the selection committee chaired by Mayor Russ Kessler.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current GPA: _____

School: _____

Grade Level for the 2026-2027 School Year: *Freshman* *Sophomore* *Junior* *Senior*

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

Relation of Emergency Contact to Applicant: _____

Phone Number of Emergency Contact: _____

Essay Responses

Please respond to the following questions as thoroughly as possible. Responses should be provided on a separate page.

- 1) Why are you interested in participating in the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?
- 2) Why are you a good candidate for the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?
- 3) What activities are you involved in at school and in the community?
- 4) Which experiences have prepared you to be a successful member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council?
- 5) Provide an essay that explains what you believe to be the most important issue facing Haysville's youth and how, as a member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, you would work with area youth, local government, and local nonprofit agencies to address this issue. The essay should be a maximum of two pages and double-spaced. Attach the essay to this application.

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Additional Requirements

- 6) Include two letters of recommendation from adults you have worked with in school or non-school activities (e.g. teacher, counselor, coach, supervisor, etc.). Ask the letter writers to include their name, phone number, and email address in the letters.

Statement of Commitment

I understand the time commitment required for the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council and that my attendance and active participation are essential to making the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council the best student-led organization in Haysville. **I also understand that while the Council does not specify how many absences shall be allowed per Member, if a Member develops a pattern of non-participation, they could be subject to a review meeting with the Executive Committee or removal from the Council, after decision by the Executive Committee.** Lastly, I understand the importance of teamwork and cooperation, and I will be committed to this council and my fellow council members.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Signature

As the parent/guardian of _____, I give consent for my child to participate on the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council and in all related activities.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____