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 LUKE RAVENSTAHL, MAYOR

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

What is the Mayor's Youth Council?

The Mayor's Youth Council is a body of students, ages 14-18, that represents the City of Pittsburgh's diverse young population. The Council serves as the voice of Pittsburgh's young residents and works to engage and positively impact them, as well as work to have their thoughts, concerns and opinions heard.

Who is on the Youth Council?

The Mayor's Youth Council is composed of high-school-aged students from public and private schools located within the City of Pittsburgh. Applications are accepted from students aged 14-18. Each Council member is selected through an open application process, and the selection is based upon a student's proven leadership, community involvement, recommendations from school principals and instructors, and an interview.

Why was the Youth Council created?

Pittsburgh's young residents are the future of our City and are, thus, an invaluable resource that must be heard from, understood and considered in the decision-making processes of the City of Pittsburgh and its government. On July 25th, 2006 an ordinance passed that established Chapter 178 of the Pittsburgh City Code, which established a Youth Commission and a Youth Council.

What kind of time commitment is the Youth Council?

The Youth Council meets twice a month for an hour and a half in the City-Council Building Downtown on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. In addition, Youth Council members are expected to volunteer at Youth Council events, which are held at various times.

What does the Mayor's Youth Council do?

Works to engage young residents in social, cultural, recreational and other drug- and alcohol-free activities

Serves as a liaison between City government and the City's youth

Impacts the positive growth of all young City residents

Partners with organizations like the Children's Sickle Cell Foundation and the Carnegie Museums to bring awareness to various causes



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Mayor's Youth Council Membership Application

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Neighborhood/School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. You may attach up to one additional page.

Why are you applying for the Mayor's Youth Council? _____

Select three words that best describe you and explain why? _____

Which activities are you currently involved in (in and out of school)? _____

Which issues do you think young people in the City of Pittsburgh should be addressing and how would you recommend that they address these issues? _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (if under 18) _____ Date: _____

Please mail, fax or email them by **May 6, 2013** to:
Olivia Benson, Youth Policy Manager
Office Mayor Luke Ravenstahl
541 CityCounty Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
olivia.benson@pittsburghpa.gov

***Parents/Legal Guardians: Please note that members selected for the Mayor's Youth Council may need to obtain additional permission slips/releases signed by parents/legal guardians depending on specific activities planned. A signed media release, allowing the City of Pittsburgh to use photographs of your child for official purposes, will also be required.**

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MEDIA RELEASE ADULT AND MINOR FORM

For and in consideration of the City allowing me to participate in Mayor's Youth Council sponsored and/or cosponsored activities and events (hereinafter "MYC Activities and Events") during my/his/her appointed term as a Mayor's Youth Council member, I/we hereby agree to the following terms and conditions regarding my or my/our child's participation:

I/we understand that during my or my/our child's appointed term, the City may take photographs, film, or videotapes of Mayor's Youth Council members participating in various MYC Activities and Events. I/we hereby grant the City the right to use my or my/our child's image, name, MYC Activities and Event participation, face likeness, voice and appearance at the MYC Activity or Event in advertising, press releases, stories, text, articles, for other promotions, and/or for use on the City's website and/or City social media sites without reservation or limitation. I/we waive any right to inspect or approve any such use by City containing my and/or my/our child's image and understand that I/we or my/our child will receive no monetary compensation for the use of such photographs or images.

In the event that my/our child is a participant in the Mayor's Youth Council and this Media Release (the "Release") is executed by only one parent/legal guardian and the minor has more than one parent/legal guardian, the signing parent/legal guardian avers that he/she has explained this Release in full to the other parent/legal guardian and that he/she has authorized the signing parent/legal guardian to execute this form on his/her behalf.

I/we hereby further agree that this Release shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that if any portion of this Release is deemed invalid, the balance shall remain in full force and effect.

I/we have read and fully understand this Release. Intending to be legally bound, I/we set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____ 2013.

Name of Participant: (Please print) _____

Please check if Participant is a minor (under age 18): _____.

Signature of Participant if over the age of 18: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

Signature of second Parent/Legal Guardian (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

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