



City of Ringgold

APPLICATION FOR THE RINGGOLD YOUTH COUNCIL

Commitment

To successfully complete the City of Ringgold Youth Council, a participant must:

- Be a resident of the City of Ringgold.
- Attend a school (or home school) and be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade for the 2021-22 school year.
- Commit to attend at least 15 of 20 of the scheduled monthly meetings held on Mondays, June – May.
- Agree to complete a community service project.
- Obtain transportation to and from meetings and events.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Code of Conduct

- Be prompt and present at all meetings and dress appropriately.
- Be respectful in the treatment of and the interaction with other people.
- Be mindful of safety issues to ensure that everyone stays safe from harm and injury.
- Be courteous and do not talk on or use a cell phone during meetings (silence cell phone please).
- Be aware of inappropriate behavior and stay out of trouble at home, school and in the community.
- Always conduct yourself in a respectable manner.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Name you prefer to be called: _____

School (Home school is acceptable): _____

Grade level (2021-22): ____ 10th ____ 11th ____ 12th

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Shirt Size: S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____

Food Allergies/Special Diet: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

- a) How long have you been a resident of the City of Ringgold? ____ Years ____ Months
- b) Are you willing and available to attend most of the Monday meetings of the Youth Council? Yes No
- c) Name any organizations, clubs or teams of which you have been or are currently a member and any leadership roles you have served. You may attach a student resume if you wish; however, please note the attachment below if you do so.

Activity/Club/Sport/Etc.

Dates/Time Commitment

<u>Activity/Club/Sport/Etc.</u>	<u>Dates/Time Commitment</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- d) In your opinion, what is one of the most challenging issues facing youth today, and how does it affect your generation?

- e) Please briefly explain your reasons for wishing to serve on the Ringgold Youth Council:

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- f) Include two letters of recommendation (forms attached) from at least one teacher or counselor and an adult who has known you and can provide a testimony of your leadership potential and ability to manage the demands of both school and the Youth Council.

APPLICANT STATEMENT

I understand that I am applying for appointment to the Youth Council of the City of Ringgold, and that the appointing authority may require an interview prior to consideration for appointment. I agree to the Commitment, Code of Conduct and the attendance requirement. I agree to comply at all times with all requirements of the Youth Council By-Laws. I acknowledge that I may be suspended or removed from the Youth Council at any time in the sole discretion of the Ringgold Youth Council Advisory Committee. All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

As the parent/guardian of this applicant, I support his/her participation and commitment to the City of Ringgold Youth Council. I understand, acknowledge, assume and accept the risk that accidents may occur while my child participates in Ringgold Youth Council. I, the undersigned assume the risk for any and all injuries occurring to my child arising out of any and all events at Ringgold Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

ACADEMIC OFFICIAL STATEMENT

I confirm that the applicant has a minimum 2.5 GPA and has the ability to serve on the Youth Council.

Printed Name and Title of School Official _____

Signature of School Official _____ Date _____

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Please return signed application to: Councilmember Rhonda Swaney
City of Ringgold
150 Tennessee Street.
Ringgold, GA 30736

This application can be dropped off at city hall or mailed. You may also email it to Rhondaswaney@cityofringgoldga.gov

PROCEDURES FOR YOUTH COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

- 1) The City will send this information to each educational institution that serves students residing within the city limits of Ringgold and to be posted via the City's bulletin board, website and other means to inform the residents in the city.
- 2) Applications are due on September 16, 2021. Applications may be sent to the Councilmember Rhonda Swaney.
- 3) The Youth Council Advisory Committee will review the applications and select candidates to be interviewed in September.
- 4) The Youth Council Advisory Committee will announce the successful candidates on October 1, 2021.

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Recommendation Letter #1
(Must be Teacher or School Counselor)

Reference's Name: _____ Applicant's Name: _____

Reference's Email: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant as best you can in the following five areas. Circle the number that best describes the applicant. Please add any additional comments in the space provided on this form.

Is the applicant dependable?				
1	2	3	4	5
Expect numerous no-shows.		Somewhat dependable.		100%!
How well does the applicant work in small groups with other youth?				
1	2	3	4	5
Not very interactive.		Demonstrates some initiative.		Professional team player.
To what extent does the applicant show strong character?				
1	2	3	4	5
Can demonstrate a bad attitude.		Shows some good attributes.		Great role model and example for others.
How well does the applicant demonstrate leadership and public speaking skills?				
1	2	3	4	5
Prefers to be told what to do and does not take initiative.		Might step up if no one else will.		Born to lead & a great speaker.
How well does the applicant demonstrate strong organizational skills?				
1	2	3	4	5
Constantly losing papers and difficulty remembering due dates.		Usually turns assignments in on time.		Turns assignments in early and keeps track of due dates.

Additional comments:

Signature

Date

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Recommendation Letter #2

Reference's Name: _____ Applicant's Name: _____

Reference's Email: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

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