





### WAYCROSS MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL:

Youth programs are important to cities because they help initiate and foster leadership among youth through education and outreach. The Waycross Mayor's Youth Council is used as a platform to discuss issues such as school violence, underage drinking, peer pressure, teen pregnancy, entertainment, racial tension, community involvement, safety awareness, driver's education, etc.

The Youth Council is an effort to encourage teen involvement in government and the community. This council will be a six (6) member team who will apply through written and oral applications.

The Youth Council will provide an opportunity for municipal leaders to communicate with youth in their communities and will be an opportunity for youth to use their energy to improve the community in which they live.



### ROLE OF YOUTH COUNCIL:

The Youth Council members support youth initiatives to improve community relations between adults and youth. To support these initiatives, the Youth Council intends to incorporate:

- ◆ Civic participation
- ◆ Service projects
- ◆ Conduct youth forums/summits
- ◆ Create a youth speakers bureau
- ◆ Mentoring opportunities



### 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 the cell phone during meetings (mute cell phone).
- ◆ Be aware of inappropriate behavior and stay out of trouble at home and at school.



### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must be students of schools within the city limits, including public, private, and home schools. Registration is open to high school students in 9th—11th grades (public, private or home school middle school; between the ages of 14 - 19. Application should be completed by student and parents and include an endorsement from their school principal or counselor; along with a short essay.

The Youth Council is based on the following selection criteria:

- ◆ Application
- ◆ Extracurricular Activity
- ◆ Leadership Skills and Ability
- ◆ Community Involvement
- ◆ Recommendations
- ◆ Interview



### Application Deadline: January 1 , 2022

Applications can be obtained online, [waycrossga.com/news.php](http://waycrossga.com/news.php) or through the Waycross Convention & Visitors office located at 417 Pendleton Street, Georgia.

### MEETINGS:

The Youth Council will meet twice a month in the Commission Chambers located at City Hall and members will serve a one-year to four-year term or until out of high school or age 19.

