

# Youth Council Application



# Washington City

Where Dixie Begins

## 2016 – 2017



The Mission of the Washington City Youth Council is to provide an opportunity for youth to develop mature citizenship, leadership, a sense of personal achievement and an understanding of government.

***Application Deadline: Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.***

*Requirements: Applicant must reside within the 84780 zip code, be between the age of 15–18, and a Sophomore – Senior in school.*

# Washington City Youth Council 2016–2017

The Washington City Youth Council will be held June 2016-May 2017. We hope to have 20 members from the local High Schools (Pine View, Desert Hills, & Mill Creek) on the board and a volunteer advisor from the community as well as a representative from the Washington City Community Center.

## **Council Members include the following:**

- Youth Mayor/Chair
- Vice Chair
- Council Members (3)
- Parliamentarian
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian
- Committee Members

## **Some of the subjects/events that will be implemented by the youth council this year are as follows:**

Youth Council Retreat (June, 2016)

Appointment of Executive Council

Education on Parliamentary Procedure, Learn Roberts Rules of Order

Halloween at the Covington Mansion

Santa at the Covington Mansion during Christmas in Dixie

Conducting Youth Open Forums

Attend the Legislature while in session in Salt Lake

Washington City Night-All departments displaying information at Community

Center the 1st Monday in October

Executing the 1st Annual Dogtown Half Marathon;

Organize Washington 101

Education on City Government

Assist with the organization of the Washington City Cotton Days for 2016-2017

Training and year-end retreats

The planning and execution of a “legacy project” Covington Mansion

The Washington City Youth Council was established to engage the youth of the community in being more involved and understanding what is happening and why it is happening. Being a more informed community has to start at a young age when they can begin to understand the importance of their roles and the knowledge that they have to give.

# Washington City Youth Council Syllabus

**Description:** The Washington City Youth Council is an official youth organization council adopted by the City Council of Washington, Utah. The Washington City Youth Council will be established with the intent to provide the youth of Washington an opportunity to voice their opinion and share a role in the decision-making of our City Issues. Membership to the Washington City Youth Council is upon nomination and members are governed by the bylaws ratified by the Washington City Council. Each member of the board shares in the responsibilities of the board.

**Application:** If you are interested in participating with the Washington City Youth Council, please fill out the attached application and return it to the Washington City Community Center by Friday April 15, 2016.

**Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory. The Washington City Youth Council holds their bi-monthly meeting at Washington City Hall at 5:00 PM. By Invitation many of the members of the City Council, the Mayor or other members of Management will be in attendance to help discuss pertinent and timely information about the workings of the City. Each meeting is vital and the group works jointly with the mayor and council to address local current issues and brainstorm how to improve city conditions for the future generations and the present community. Participation in community service projects, speaking engagements, and various activities is expected.

**Events:** The Washington City Youth Council volunteers many hours of community service and organize their own events and service projects to promote their council and give back to the community, this is known as a “legacy project.” A major project of the Washington City Youth Council has been the organization and implementation of Washington Cotton Days. Other activities include: 4th of July, distribution of trick or treat bags, speaking engagements, and others yet to be decided. The Washington City Youth Council also sponsors Washington 101, which offers an in-depth look at the operations of city government. The participants will meet and discuss local issues with the Mayor and City Council Members and learn more about the city’s governmental structure, its budget and finances, public works, utility, and police and fire operations through interactive discussions with key city staff. They will also participate in a Mock City Council Meeting. Washington 101 is a bi-annual class held to instruct citizens of the inner workings of our city.

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# Washington City Youth Council Application Form

(Please Print Clearly)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Address (If Different) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, notify \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

What school activities are you (or have you been) involved in? Positions/Offices? Awards/Honors?

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What types of activities or extracurricular activities have you been involved in? Positions/Offices? Honors/Awards?

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Why do you want to be a member of the Washington City Youth Council?

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What qualities do you have that would benefit the Washington City Youth Council?

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Why is youth involvement important in the community?

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What types of community projects/service would you like to be a part of?

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**Time commitment:** The Washington City Youth Council meets the first and third Wednesdays each month at 4:15 p.m. Executive Meeting and council meeting 5:00 p.m. In addition, your help will be necessary for various service projects, council meetings, and activities. You will serve for one year. How will you meet this commitment?

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IN CONSIDERATION for being permitted to undertake and participate in the Activities, Applicant, on behalf of himself/herself, his/her successors, and assigns, as well as all guests, invitees and attendees, hereby releases and forever waives and discharges—and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless—Washington City, its successors, assigns, directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, both jointly and severally, from any and all actions, covenants, claims and demands for damages or injuries, costs or losses, however arising, which may have been or may be sustained by Applicant, (as well as all guests, invitees and attendees), in any way relating to or arising out of use of the city facilities and participation in the Activities. Applicant desires and hereby agrees to assume all risks to himself/herself, (as well as all guests, invitees and attendees), associated with the use of city facilities and participation in the Activities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The parent/guardian of my son/daughter hereby grants permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Washington City Youth Council activities and will assume responsibility for transporting my son/daughter to and from all said activities. The parent/guardian has read the above statement. He/she understands and agrees to the waiver as stated.

Parents'/Guardians' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be turned in by Friday, April 15, 2016 Take completed applications to: Attn: Wendi Bulkley, Community Center Director 350 N. Community Center Dr. Washington, UT 84780**