



# APEX YOUTH COUNCIL



## FAQS

### What is the Apex Youth Council?

The Apex Youth Council (AYC) is an independent organization run by local middle and high school students with a goal of enhancing the local community through leadership and service. The council focuses on civic engagement, leadership opportunities, community service and recreation activities. AYC provides a supportive and creative environment for students to express their ideas and opinions and serve as advocates for teens in our community; ideally inspiring them to seek future leadership positions in our society.

The Apex Youth Council is to serve, listen to and represent local youth in all matters of civic interest and need. This would include observing local town council meetings to understand how our government works and to represent the voice of the local youth. The Youth Council is to initiate, organize and supervise programs and projects which shall benefit from the youth of Apex; and to work with and aid in the coordination of existing youth programs in order to create better total youth programming. These programs shall be open to all youth of Apex.

### What experience do AYC students gain?

Apex Youth Council Middle School members gain a minimum of 15 volunteer hours and High School members gain a minimum of 20 hours. Members learn volunteer etiquette and develop organizational, social and professional skills. Students also gain knowledge of how local government operates and the importance of representation within your community.

### How many students are involved with the Council each year? Do some students stay for consecutive years?

We currently have 150 students in AYC. Students can join AYC for the first time from 8th-10th grade and most students stay for consecutive years. Applications are required annually.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024-2025 AYC BOARD!

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## Application Information

Application dates for the 2024-2025 school year are **August 1 - August 18, 2024.**

The application is available on the Apex Youth Council website via this QR code.



## Questions?

Email [apexyouthcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:apexyouthcouncil@gmail.com)

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### **\*MEMBERSHIP FEES NO LONGER REQUIRED\***

#### **How are students selected?**

Applicants are reviewed by the staff advisor and students will be accepted based on pre-established criteria. Students who aspire to be a Board Member must complete a separate application in the Spring and interview for the position. Please contact Ellison.Lambert@apexnc.org for more information on the application process.

#### **When/Where does AYC meet?**

Council meetings align with the traditional school calendar and are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:15pm. Meetings are held at the John M. Brown Community Center (53 Hunter St).

#### **What are some of the AYC's volunteer opportunities?**

The Apex Youth Council volunteers for many events on an annual basis, gaining a strong relationship with town departments and organizations. Some annual events include the Bee Amazing 5k Run, Goblin's Groove at the Halle Cultural Arts Center, Turkey Trot Run, the Rockin' Reindeer Hop Dance, Reindeer Romp 5k, Touch-A-Truck, Downtown Apex Christmas Parade, Specialized Recreation Spring Dance, Apex UMC Prom Shoppe and more. Students also have the opportunity to attend Town Council meetings and meet with Council members for volunteer credit.

## Quotes From Past Students!

"Being able to give back and have an impact on our community is very meaningful to me, and being a member of Apex Youth Council has provided me with many opportunities to do so. I enjoy working with others to bring positive experiences to the people around us, and as a Youth Council member, I've had and will continue to have many chances to be able to participate in these environments."

– Udit Pericharla, 22-23 President, Apex Friendship High School

"My favorite experience as an AYC member has been volunteering at annual events and recognizing some of the same faces return each year. It's always fun to come back to these events because it brings the community so close together. I really enjoy meeting more of the community each year! I enjoy taking part of community events and building relationships with other participants/members. I also used to participate in a lot of the events that AYC volunteers at when I was a kid so being a volunteer at the same events and watching the community grow each year is very nostalgic and rewarding for me."

– Gauri Nair, 21-22 Member, Apex Friendship High School