

# THE CITY OF **COLUMBUS**

CITY COUNCIL



**Councilmember Shayla Favor**  
**Columbus Youth Council (CYC)**  
**- Program Overview -**



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# Welcome From

## ***Councilmember Shayla D. Favor***



I am excited to announce the 2021 recruitment period for the Columbus Youth Council (CYC), a collaborative partnership between Columbus City Council and Columbus City Schools.

The Columbus Youth Council (CYC) program gives high school juniors and seniors from Columbus high schools an opportunity to immerse themselves in city government and learn how they can become stewards in their community.

Students will participate in interactive lessons on a range of topics including the structure of city government, economic development, police and community relations, and much more.

Although our entire world has changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the renewed fight for racial justice, I believe it is more important than ever that we provide these opportunities for our future generation of leaders to learn and grow. We will host this experience virtually in order to comply with the health and safety recommendations of our public health experts. Students accepted to participate in the program will be provided with tools for their success, including meal vouchers and program supplies.

I truly believe this will be a transformational experience for students who apply. I encourage anyone that is curious about this opportunity to get their application in as soon as possible.

Interested students should speak with their Principal or Guidance Counselors and ask for a reference to fill out the application. My team will select 20 students from Central Ohio schools, including Columbus City High School students.

Interested students should speak with their Principal or Guidance Counselors to receive an application.

Applications are due by **August 2, 2021**.

I look forward to seeing you at City Hall!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shayla D. Favor". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Shayla D. Favor  
Councilmember  
Columbus City Council

## **WHAT IS THE CYC?**

Students selected to the Columbus Youth Council (CYC) will have an opportunity to learn about city government and how they can become stewards in their community.

They will be participating in several lessons dealing with topics such as the structure of city government, city development, what municipalities can and cannot do, and much more.

Virtual classes will begin at 10:00 am and end at 1:30 pm. Meal vouchers and program supplies will be provided.

***For their service on Columbus Youth Council, students will;***

- Gain a greater understanding of city government and how local leaders make a difference.
- Enhance their skills in civic engagement and local leadership, becoming stewards of their community.
- Meet City leaders and have this experience on their resume for life after high school.
- Earn hours toward their high school volunteer commitment
- Receive special recognition from the City of Columbus for their participation in the program.

## **BODY THE CYC ADVISES:**

- Members of the Columbus City Council

## **MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE:**

- 20 members from various Columbus high schools
- Current Juniors and Seniors

## **COURSE OUTLINE (cont.):**

Any junior or senior CCS student may apply to the Columbus Youth Council, but they must have a teacher nomination letter attached to their application.

The Youth Council board will select the most qualified student from each school to serve on the council for a term of 1 year.

A replacement will also be selected from each school in case the student chosen is not able to fulfill his/her commitment.

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

- Applications available from students Teachers/Guidance Counselors beginning May, 26th 2021
- Completed applications must be received by August 2, 2021
- Selected program participants will be notified by August 9, 2021

## **PROGRAM COMMITMENT**

Youth Council members will meet once a month for a total of 5 meetings. Members will need to attend all meetings to participate.

In addition, there will be monthly projects that Youth Council members must complete in order to stay enrolled in the council. If any student knows that they will be unable to fulfill their commitment, they should not apply to the program when nominated.

## **PROGRAM STRUCTURE:**

- Applications available from students Teachers/Guidance Counselors beginning May 26, 2021
- Program will be held virtually
- The Council is led by city legislative staffers with youth development and policy making backgrounds, and supported with parental volunteering.
- Monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday from 10:00am – 1:30pm
- Meal vouchers and program supplies will be provided.

## TRANSPORTATION:

- Transportation will be the responsibility of the students, we will provide COTA bus passes if needed.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

DATE	Course Topics
Wednesday. September 1, 2021	Program Introduction and Orientation
Wednesday. October 6, 2021	City Government 101
Wednesday. November 3rd, 2021	The Department of Education and Youth Services in Columbus
Wednesday. December 8th, 2021	The Recreation and Parks Department and Department of Public Service
Wednesday. January , 2021	Economic Development, City Planning and Zoning
Wednesday. February 5th, 2021	Budgeting and Finance
Wednesday. March 5th, 2021	Police and Community Relations in Columbus
Wednesday. April 5th, 2021	Department of Public Utilities and Department of Public Health
Wednesday. May 5th, 2021	Final Presentations to Columbus City Council
TBD	Program Ceremony

## COURSE OUTLINE:

September	Program Introduction/City Government 101
<i>Lesson</i>	Youth Council overview and discuss what they would like to get out of the council. The structure/different branches of city government.
<i>Activities</i>	Tour of City Hall/Council chambers
<i>Project</i>	Who are Columbus City Councilmembers and what do they do?

October	City Government
<i>Lesson</i>	Review of City Government
<i>Activities</i>	CYC members will tour City Hall and Council Chambers
<i>Project</i>	Where in Columbus are City Councilmembers?

## COURSE OUTLINE (cont.)

<b>November</b>	<b>The Department of Education &amp; Youth Services in Columbus</b>
<i>Lesson</i>	Students will learn about services provided to opportunity youth.
<i>Activities</i>	A tour of Huckleberry House/ Star House and a conversation with Sonya Thesing.
<i>Project</i>	An in depth Youth Service agency project.
<b>December</b>	<b>The Recreation and Parks Department</b>
<i>Lesson</i>	Introduction into the Recreation and Parks Department.
<i>Activities</i>	CYC members will be given a tour of one of the recreation facilities.
<i>Project</i>	“Flat Stanley”
<b>January</b>	<b>Economic Development, City Planning and Zoning</b>
<i>Lesson</i>	How Economic Development and proper Zoning are vital to the growth of a city.
<i>Activities</i>	CYC members will collaborate on development ideas and compete to see who can gain support from the city for their structure.
<i>Project</i>	To build, or not to build.
<b>February</b>	<b>Budgeting and Finance</b>
<i>Lesson</i>	Department overview with specific divisions and community connections. How does the city of Columbus budget their money?
<i>Activities</i>	CYC members will engage in a live budgeting process.
<i>Project</i>	Do not pass go until your budget is balanced.
<b>March</b>	<b>Police and Community Relations in Columbus</b>
<i>Lesson</i>	City’s strengths with police and community relations, and ways to improve.
<i>Activities</i>	CYC members will be given a tour of the police academy and go through simulation training exercises.
<i>Project</i>	Police (SRO and local neighborhood police) interviews.
<b>April</b>	<b>Department of Public Utilities and Department of Public Health</b>
<i>Lesson</i>	Department overview with specific divisions and community connections.
<i>Activities</i>	CYC members will tour the Dublin road facilities and participate in a Q&A session.
<i>Project</i>	Zombie Preparedness in Columbus
<b>May</b>	<b>Department of Public Utilities and Department of Public Health</b>
<i>Project</i>	Final Presentations to Columbus City Council .
<i>Activities</i>	Ceremony

## COLUMBUS YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to serve on the Columbus Youth Council?

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What are your unique skills and experiences that would make you a valuable asset to the council?

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How are you currently making an impact in your community?

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If there was an issue with a fellow student in your class, what steps would you take to resolve the situation?

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Anything else that you would like to share with us?

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**APPLICATION & TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 2, 2021**

**Submit by email:** [aaliban@columbus.gov](mailto:aaliban@columbus.gov) - **Fax:** (614) 645-7399 Attn: Anisa Liban  
**Mail:** Columbus City Council – c/o Anisa Liban 90 W. Broad Street, Columbus , OH 43215

**FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT**  
Anisa Liban at (614) 965-8297 or [aaliban@columbus.gov](mailto:aaliban@columbus.gov)



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### TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student is being considered for Columbus Youth Council. This form will be used to determine if he/she meets the Columbus Youth Council's high standards of service, leadership, and character.

Please complete the survey to the best of your ability. If you have questions or comments, please contact Anisa Liban, [aaliban@columbus.gov](mailto:aaliban@columbus.gov) or Tyneisha Harden [tyharden@columbus.gov](mailto:tyharden@columbus.gov).

Thank you in advance,

#### PERSON COMPLETING FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student using the scale provided. <i>For responses of 2 or lower, please comment.</i>	1= poor 2=average 3=excellent	Comments
ATTITUDE		
ACTS RESPONSIBLY		
ATTENDANCE		
SOCIAL SKILLS		
RESPECTFULNESS		
INITIATIVE		
ABILITY TO KEEP COMMITMENTS/ MEET DEADLINES		
PUNCTUALITY		
LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL		
RESULTS ORIENTED		
MATURITY		

#### OVERALL IMPRESSION OF CANDIDATE: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

HIGHLY RECOMMEND

RECOMMEND

DO NOT RECOMMEND

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

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