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GARLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

Mission

The mission of the City's Youth Council is to provide a forum which educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business and allows youth to be a
voice to address their particular ideas and concerns.

Purpose

- To serve as a vehicle to make sure the City Council is aware of needs and wants of Garland youth throughout the city.
- To promote and educate participants to the local political process.
- To assist the Mayor and Council in scheduling meetings which address youth concerns.
- To assure youth adherence to the criteria for membership in the Youth Council.
- To serve as ambassadors and messengers for the City of Garland.

To apply for an appointed position on the Garland Youth Council, please complete the following steps and return the completed application packet:

- ○ Complete form and answer questions on page 3.
- ○ Submit two letters of recommendation.
- ○ Review the attached calendar and determine that you should be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings consistently (Keep calendar for your records).
- ○ Review the GYC Appointee Agreement on page 4. Both applicant and parent/guardian must sign.
- ○ Parent/guardian sign the attached video/photography release and Parent Information forms.
- ○ Attend at least one GYC meeting or activity. Date attended: _____

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Application 2014-15

Name: _____

Address: _____

City Council District: _____ Home Phone:_____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Grade level in 2014-15 school year: _____ School:_____

Please answer the following questions. Feel free to type your answers on a separate paper and attach to the application.

In what activities/organizations do you participate in school, church or in the community?

How did you hear about the Garland Youth Council?

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

What are some challenges you feel Garland youth face in our community?

What do you see as positives for youth living in Garland?

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2014-15 Appointee Agreement

As an appointee to the 2014-15 Garland Youth Council, I understand the importance of being an active participant in GYC meetings and activities. If appointed, I agree to do the following:

- Attend regular meetings and assigned committee meetings
- Contribute ideas and energy to GYC meetings and activities
- Contact the GYC Staff Liaison or Chairperson ***in advance*** if I am unable to attend and submit suggestions, ideas via email when school commitments, illness or family commitments keep me from attending
- Participate in GYC events and activities
- Check emails regularly and promptly reply or acknowledge receipt
- Promote the GYC to my classmates and friends and encourage them to attend meetings and participate in activities

I have reviewed the 2014-15 GYC calendar and acknowledge that I am available to participate in meetings and activities. I understand that missing more than four regularly scheduled GYC meetings will prompt a review of my commitment to GYC. (If participation in sports or other special activities might keep you from participating for a specific period of time, please indicate the activity and the time period which you would be expected to miss. For example, basketball season might force you to miss all meetings in January and February.)

Indicate activity conflicts:

Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

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Authorization to use Image

I hereby consent to my child's photograph being taken or image recorded by the City of Garland in connection with Garland Youth Council activities.

Furthermore, I authorize the use, copyright, or publication of my child's name, image or voice as may be captured by photograph, video or audio recording while attending or participating with the Garland Youth Council, in any medium, for any purpose, including illustration, promotion, marketing or advertisement.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Child's Name – Age _____

Date_____

Witness _____

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Information for Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for allowing your child to apply for possible appointment to the Garland Youth Council. Please review the application information with your child and make sure you understand what is expected of GYC appointees. The following information is specifically for parents:

1. Regular GYC meetings will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and end no later than 6:30 p.m. Please make sure your child will arrive and be picked up on time. GYC staff liaisons may not be able to stay late to wait with your child. If your child must wait for a ride, they will be required to wait inside the Granger Recreation Center until their ride arrives.

2. Staff liaisons may NOT transport youth in their personal vehicles. GYC members are responsible for their own transportation to and from meetings and to activities within the City limits of Garland. City vehicles (or chartered/leased transportation) should be used for out-of-city activities. A City employee who has taken Defensive Driving and has the appropriate license must drive the City vehicle. Mass transit, such as DART, is also acceptable.

3. GYC members are encouraged to network and socialize outside of regular meetings and activities. If GYC members plan a social activity that is not an "official" GYC activity, staff liaisons may not be present. GYC members are responsible for notifying their parents that such activities are unofficial and not the responsibility of the City of Garland or its employees.

4. If your child has food allergies, special dietary needs or requires other special accommodations, please notify GYC staff liaisons in writing.

Signature of Parent or Guardian_____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Child's Name – Age _____

Garland Youth Council
2014-15 Meeting Calendar
(subject to updates)

The Garland Youth Council has regular monthly meetings and weekly committee meetings. The GYC also participates in the annual Texas Youth Summit.

Regular meetings of the Garland Youth Council are on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. with Committee Night meetings on the fourth Tuesday at the same time. The location for the 2014-15 meetings will be Granger Recreation Center, 1310 Avenue F. Please note that the location for our Installation Ceremony/First Official Meeting is different.

The 2013-14 meeting schedule at this time is as follows:

Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 6-8:30 p.m.
Get Acquainted Meeting for 2013-14 appointees.

Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Location: The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 330 N. Fifth St (Lobby)
Installation Ceremony & First Official Meeting
GYC members will also be introduced at regular City Council meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Committee Night

Saturday, September 27, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (shifts)
Healthy Living Expo – TDS Booth
GISD Special Events Center

Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Committee Night

Tuesday, November 11, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting

No Committee Night Meeting in November due to holiday

December 9, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Holiday activity in lieu of meeting (Location TBA)

No Committee Night in December due to holiday

Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 5:30 pm
Committee Night

Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2015
Texas Youth Advisory Commission Summit, Killeen

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 5:30 pm
Committee Night

Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Committee Night

Saturday, March 28, 2015, all day
Garland Teen Talk – Location TBA

Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Committee Night

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 6 p.m. (Granger Annex) - Year-End Event