

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

Dear Parents, Teachers, Administrators and Students,

As Mayor of the Town of Gilbert I would like to personally invite youth in grades 9-12th (ages 14-18) to participate in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. We need your voice to be heard in the Town and **YOU** are part of what makes Gilbert great! As we enter the 27th year of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, I have witnessed the long-term effects of participation and the leadership skills that can be developed when you invest yourself in this great program.

MYAC contributes to the community in many ways including Youth Town Hall, Youth Government Days and our Mayor's Youth Leadership Summit. The students are involved in many volunteer efforts throughout the town and assist the Town Council in identifying problems effecting our community and most importantly, finding solutions.

The MYAC meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Police Department Amphitheatre from 6-7:00pm. The first meeting of each month will focus on our assigned task for the year, service and planning and the second meeting will be focused on leadership skills and local government education. We ask that each student make a commitment to attendance and participation. Our focus for the 2014-2015 school year is "Building Your Future" and will encompass all aspects including college, career path and skills related to you and YOUR FUTURE!

Attached is a list of requirements for committee participation. **The deadline for applications is August 15, 2014**. Please feel free to contact Jennifer Hood at 480-635-7709 or jennifer.hood@gilbertaz.gov if you have any questions. Your contributions to the community are both needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

John W. Lewis Mayor, Town of Gilbert

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Requirements

- 1. To be eligible for MYAC, youth must live in Gilbert or attend a school in Gilbert and be in 9th-12th grade (14-18 years old).
- 2. Each member must make a minimum nine month commitment to the program (September to May). We encourage participation each school year until graduation.
- 3. MYAC meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Attendance is taken and required. Please see the 2014-2015 calendar for exact dates and times. If you have multiple unexcused absences and/or do not actively participate in the program, you may be removed from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.
- 4. Each member must attend at least one council meeting during the school year.
- 5. MYAC is committed to community service. Each student must complete at least 20 hours of community service per school year. If you do not complete your community service, you will not be eligible to graduate and you may not invited back the next year. Opportunities for community service will also be made available.
- 6. Members are expected to participate in Youth Town Hall, Student Government Days and Youth Leadership Summit.
- 7. The committee may also be asked to assist the Mayor with various assignments. You may be asked to attend meetings or participate in a focus group on various topics. Participation in these events are voluntary.

By signing this form, I agree to adh	ere to the listed requirements.
Student Name:	Date:
Signature:	

2014-2015

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Calendar

MYAC Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6-7:00pm in the Police Department Amphitheatre.

August 15 – Deadline for Applications

September 2 – MYAC Board Meeting

6 - Team Building

16 - Regular Meeting

October 14 – Regular Meeting

21* - Guest Speaker

November 4 – Regular Meeting

18 - Guest Speaker

December 2 – Holiday Party

4 - YOUTH TOWN HALL

January 6 – Regular Meeting

20 – Regular Meeting

February 3 – Regular Meeting

17 - Guest Speaker

***STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAYS TBD

March 3 – Regular Meeting

17 - Regular Meeting

April 7 – Regular Meeting

21 - MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

May 5 – Graduation Party

Please note: October 14^{th} meeting is the 2^{nd} Tuesday to accommodate Fall Break.



Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee **2014-2015 Application**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name			
Address	City	/ Zip	
Phone	Alt. Phone		
School	Grade	Age	
Email address			
Do you have your parent's pern	nission to join the Comm	nittee?	
List your extracurricular activition	es		
What is your role as a teen in th	ne Town of Gilbert?		

What is one problem you have identified in the Town?
What is a possible solution to the problem you've identified?
Name one person who has inspired you and list the qualities you admire about that person.
What skills and talents do you bring to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee?
Please email, mail or drop off this completed application AND a letter of recommendation from an adult (no relatives please) by 6pm on August 15, 2014 to:

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Questions? Please contact Jennifer at 480-635-7709