



City of San Bernardino Youth Civic Engagement Council Additional Program Information

Who is in the Youth Council?

The Youth Civic Engagement Council (“Youth Council”) will be composed of high school juniors and seniors residing in San Bernardino; however, students must apply in the year prior as sophomores and juniors.

What will the Youth Council do?

During its meetings, Youth Council members will participate in a variety of job shadowing activities such as workplace tours, training sessions, and question and answer panel discussions and interviews with City staff and elected officials. Through these activities, members will learn about City operations from various department employees, directors, and elected officials. Members will also engage in policy discussions and provide feedback from the perspective of a youth living in the City of San Bernardino.

When and where will the Youth Council meet?

The Youth Council will meet once a month from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the City Hall campus (location to be determined). Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. Some meetings may be held at alternate locations within the City. Field trips have not been determined yet but will consider feedback from Youth Council members, City staff, and elected officials.

The term of the 2023 - 2024 Youth Council is from August 2023 to May 2024.

When is the application due and where do I turn it in?

Applications for the 2023/24 term are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2023. They can be mailed or delivered to the following address:

City of San Bernardino
Attn: Office of the City Manager - Youth Council
290 N "D" Street San Bernardino, CA 92401

Applications can also be turned in via email to youthcouncil@sbcity.org

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Contact the City Manager's Office at (909) 384-5122 or send an email to youthcouncil@sbcity.org.

Are there any requirements to become a member?

- Youth Council members must reside in the City and be enrolled in good standing (minimum 2.0 GPA) as a junior or senior for the 2023/24 school year at a high school in the City.
- Youth Council members must have access to email to receive communication about the program from City staff.
- Applicants must be available to participate for the entirety of the program from August to May (a minimum of about four hours each month)

What are the attendance requirements for the program?

If members have more than two unexcused absences, or are regularly tardy for meetings or trips, members may be dismissed from the program.

Is transportation provided?

No, Youth Council members must provide their own transportation to meetings and events.

- OmniTrans buses are free for K-12 students through the OmniTrans Free Fares for School pilot program. There is no purchase necessary - students only need to present their student ID to ride the bus for free.