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City of LaGrange Accepting Applications for 2020-2021 LaGrange Youth Council

LaGrange, Ga. January 31, 2020 – The City of LaGrange is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 LaGrange Youth Council.

The deadline to turn in applications is Friday, March 20th at 5 p.m. Interviews will be held March 23-April 3. Youth Council members will be selected by Friday, April 10th. Members will be required to attend their first meeting April 14th at 4:00 p.m.

The LaGrange Youth Council is an advisory board composed of local youth that provide advice and counsel to the local governing body.



2019-2020 LaGrange Youth Council

Pictured from left to right, 4th row: Historian Jack DeVane, Vice-Chair Libby Criswell, Kaushal Patel, Hamilton Bedingfield, Jamal Jones & Miller Penn. 3rd row: Secretary Gabe Martinez, Kannon Key, Lauren Hale, Mary Frances

Smith, Louise Dodson. 2nd row: Ujwal Modi, Abby Mazzolini, Caroline Shelton, Annie Pauley, Caroline Cook, Ella Eiland. Front row: LYC Advisor Jeremy Andrews, Chair Emma Strickland, Lily Kamat, Zoie Mitchell, Nasia Shepherd & Mayor Thornton. Not pictured: Isaias Pavon, Lizzie Doerr & Caroline Childress.

The Youth Council gives local youth a more formal role in the decision making process offering real world experiences with elected bodies. The group will learn about local government as well as state government at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta.

Twenty-four students, twelve juniors and twelve seniors, will be selected to participate in the LaGrange Youth Council.

Some of the projects the 2019-2020 youth council addressed this year include a community garden, a mental health awareness campaign, a LIFE 101 class, a puppy parade and an anti-vaping campaign.

To be considered, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Submittal of this application filled out in its entirety no later than Friday, March 20, 2020
- Be presently enrolled in high school. **Applicant will be a junior or a senior in 2020-2021**
- Attend the mandatory orientation session April 14, 2020
- **Be academically eligible to participate in school sports and extracurricular activities**
- Be free of any serious disciplinary infractions within the last six months
- Be able to think critically and articulate thoughts and ideas
- Have an interest in learning about government and how it functions
- Possess potential leadership skills
- Secure parental or guardian permission and support
- **Must be a resident of the City of LaGrange**

The application deadline is Friday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. Please email

completed application to Katie Van Schoor at kvanschoor@lagrangega.org or turn in completed application on the third floor of City Hall, 200 Ridley Avenue.

To obtain an application go to [www.lagrangega.org/Home/Youth Council](http://www.lagrangega.org/Home/Youth_Council).

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