

# **The 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.

## **Structure/Organization**

- The Youth Council will be comprised of nine members.
- The Mayor and Council Members may appoint one member each.
- The Youth Council will meet once a month, September through August. Committees will meet as needed.
- The Youth Council Members will elect their own Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Historian.
- This program will be for a two-year term, and applications will be received from High School Juniors only. \*

- Applicants for the Youth Council should reside in Garland.
- Applicants shall complete the standard application (Boards and Commissions); attach two letters of recommendation; and submit an essay of why they want to be part of the Youth Council.
- The City Manager's Office will assign a staff member to be the liaison for the Youth Council.
- City Council participation is highly recommended.

\* The Youth Council is considering an extension of this term to two years. See [www.garlandyouthcouncil.org](http://www.garlandyouthcouncil.org) to read the Youth Council bylaws.