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Escambia County Youth Commission Application 2019-2020



**Supported by the Escambia County
Board of County Commissioners**



About the Escambia County Youth Commission

The Escambia County Youth Commission was created to give Escambia youth a vehicle to participate in the process of county government. Youth Commissioners will become familiar with how government operates and resolve issues. They will also get to participate in county events and be a voice for Escambia County youth.

Leadership, service and **excellence** represent just a few of the many qualities that describe the Escambia County Youth Commission, its members, and the work that this organization will produce. Sponsored by the Escambia County Board of Commissioners, the Escambia County Youth Commission is a leadership and service-oriented program that empowers young people to become knowledgeable and involved in the local governmental process.

Escambia County needs young leaders who want to serve their commission districts on behalf of their peers and learn how to influence public policy. Applications for service on the 2019-2020 Youth Commission are now available until Feb. 28, 2019.

The Youth Commission will consist of 10 members. Each Escambia County Commissioner will select two Youth Commissioners who reside in their respective districts.

Selected students must commit to attend one afternoon/evening meeting a month during their leadership position, to be held on the second Tuesday of the month. Additional volunteer or community opportunities may be selected or organized by the members of the youth commission. One excused absence is permitted per calendar year for a total of two per leadership term.

The program seeks to achieve the following:

- Encourage leadership and self-empowerment
- Enhance public speaking and presentation skills
- Develop critical thinking skills that enhance life skills
- Teach participants advocacy skills that will apply to their communities
- Teach participants the functions of government and legislative processes
- Teach students decision-making skills that will help them live a positive lifestyle

The Escambia County Youth Commission will learn how to influence the future direction of their communities through the following activities:

- Impacting policies and legislation
- Interacting with politicians on the local and state level
- Speaking out on behalf of ALL Escambia County youth
- Helping local government better understand the issues facing youth
- Planning community events and participating in volunteer projects



Escambia County Youth Commission 2019-2020 APPLICATION

(Use only the space provide)

Applicant's name: _____ County: _____

Home address: _____

(no P.O. boxes, please)

City, state, zip code: _____

Cell phone number: _____ Alternate phone number: _____

Age: ____ Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Grade in school year 2019-2020: ____ Gender: ____

Unweighted GPA: ____ School name: _____

Shirt size (check one): Adult S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

1. What would you like to accomplish as a member of the Escambia County Youth Commission?

2. Name any organizations, clubs or teams of which you are currently a member and any leadership roles you have served.

Check the category that best indicates the amount of time per week you can commit to the Escambia County Youth Commission: **7-10 hours/week** **4-6 hours/week** **1-3 hours/week**

For consideration, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Escambia County.
- Be in 10th or 11th grade during the 2019-20 academic school year.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA (unweighted).
- Provide own transportation to and from program meetings.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- ✓A one-page typed recommendation letter from a teacher, counselor, principal, pastor/religious leader, or community member who has known the applicant for at least one year. Letter must include contact information (phone number and email address).
- ✓A detailed two-page essay in **Times New Roman, font size 12 (double space)**. Choose the most important political issue facing youth today. Develop an organized essay that includes an introduction, a body with supportive ideas and a conclusion with a specific positive action that will resolve this concern.)
- ✓Signed code of conduct and consent form.

Application packets are due Feb. 28, 2019.

Application packets may be submitted via mail or email and must be COMPLETE to be considered.

Send applications to: Community & Media Relations
Escambia Youth Commission
221 Palafox Place, Ste. 410
Pensacola, FL 32502
or **CMR@myescambia.com**

Questions?

**For more information, please contact
Community & Media Relations at
CMR@myescambia.com or 850-595-3476.**



Escambia County Youth Commission CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONSENT FORM

To successfully complete the Escambia County Youth Commission, a participant must:

- Commit to attend monthly meetings (held in the afternoon/evening of the second Tuesday of the month), training, and retreat. One excused absence permitted per calendar year.
- Agree to complete a determined number of hours of community service.
- Obtain transportation to and from meetings and events.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA (unweighted).
- Be prompt and present at all meetings and dress appropriately.
- Be respectful in your interactions with other people.
- Be mindful of safety issues to ensure that everyone stays safe from harm and injury.
- Be courteous and do not use any electronics during meetings.

Applicant

I agree to commit to the Code of Conduct and fulfill the attendance requirement as set by the Escambia County Youth Commission.

Applicant's printed name _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian

As the parent/guardian of this applicant, I support his/her participation and commitment to the Escambia County Youth Commission. I understand, acknowledge, assume and accept the risk that accidents may occur while my child participates in the Escambia County Youth Commission. I, the undersigned assume the risk for any and all injuries occurring to my child arising out of any and all events at the Escambia County Youth Commission.

Parent/guardian printed name _____ Phone number _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

School Official

I confirm that the applicant has a minimum 2.5 GPA (unweighted) and has the ability to serve on the Escambia County Youth Commission.

Printed name of school official _____

Title of school official _____

Signature of school official _____ Date _____

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