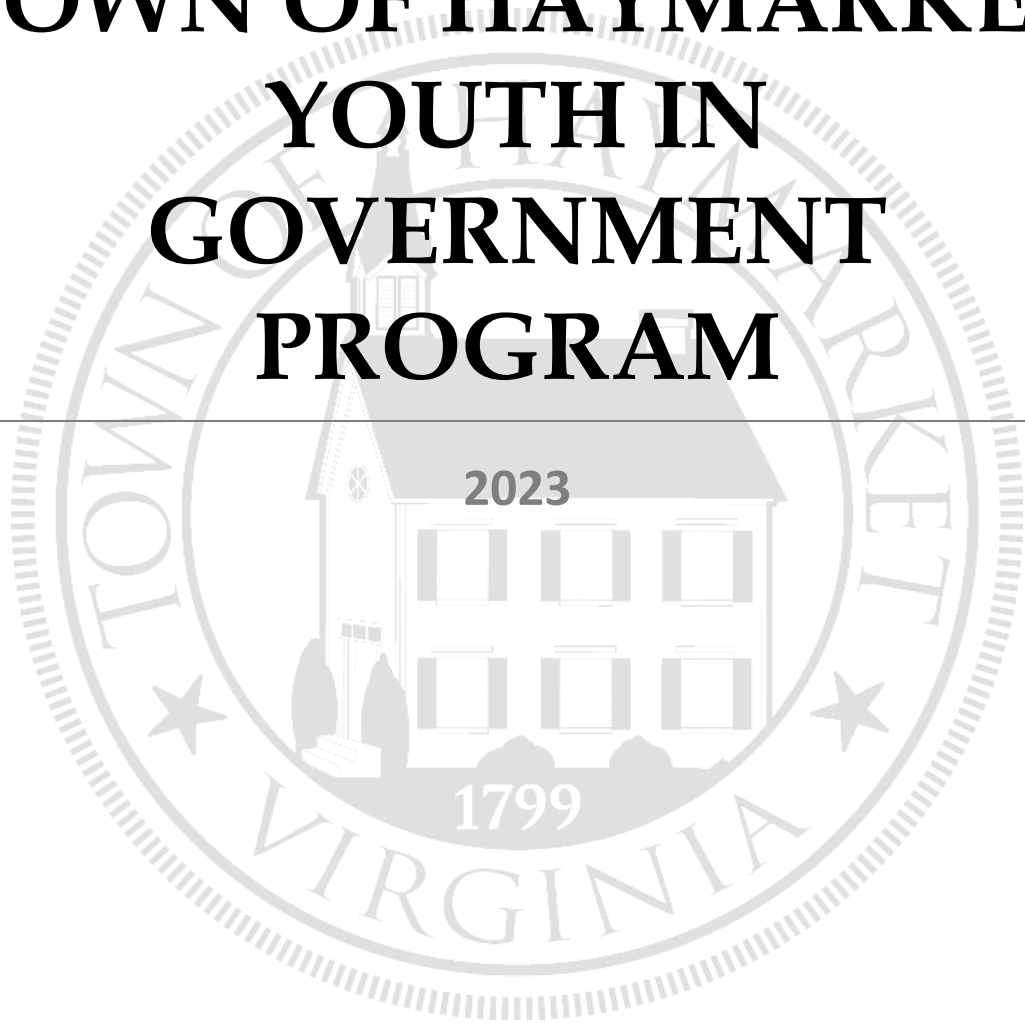

TOWN OF HAYMARKET YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM



TOWN OF HAYMARKET
15000 Washington Street, Haymarket, Virginia 20169
703-753-2600. EXT 203

Town of Haymarket Youth in Government Program 2023

Description:

The Town of Haymarket is hosting a Youth in Government Program (the “Program”) for local students. The Program will be open to 15 participants in grades 6-8. The Town of Haymarket and Town Council are hosting this program with the intent to provide our youth of Haymarket an opportunity to voice their opinion and share a role in the decision-making on the issues that arise in our Town.

Mission:

Our mission is to help engage the youth of our community in being more involved and informed on what is happening in their local Government and helping them begin to understand the importance of the roles they have in strengthening and growing their Town.

Application Process:

All applications will be reviewed, and roles selected by Town Staff and Council Members. All participants will be notified on Monday, October 2, 2023, if they’ve been accepted into the Program and which role they’ve been assigned. Attendance at each meeting is mandatory. Town employees and select Council Members of Town Hall will be in attendance during the meeting dates outlined below. Each meeting is essential as the group will work closely with each other to address local issues and brainstorm how to work together to solve the problem. Parents are welcome, not required, to observe the meetings but are asked not to participate during the meetings. If you are interested in joining our program, please fill out the enclosed application and return it to: **Town Hall, 15000 Washington Street, Haymarket, VA.** You can also email your application to: aelswick@townofhaymarket.org. Applications are due by **Friday, September 22, 2023.**

The following four meetings are mandatory to be a part of the program:

October 16, 6:00-7:00	“Learn Your Role”
October 23, 6:00-7:00	“How a Town Council Meeting Works”
October 30, 6:00-7:30	“Sample Work Session”
November 6, 6:00-7:30	“Sample Town Council Meeting and Vote”

**October 21, 9:30-11:00- Optional Event- Walk in the Haymarket Day Parade with Town Council*

Council Members and Staff Include:

Mayor	The Mayor is an elected official who may have specific duties and responsibilities. The Mayor evaluates the situation, asks questions of town/city staff & Council, gets input from other community members and decides what is right for the Town.
Vice Mayor	The Vice Mayor is an elected official whose role is to work alongside the Mayor, as well as fill in when the Mayor is not able. Vice Mayor evaluates the situation, asks questions of town/city staff, gets input from members of the community, and decides what is right for the community.
Council Members (5)	The role of Councilmember is to evaluate the situation, ask questions of town/city staff, get input from members of the community, and decide what is right for the community.
Chief (2)	The Chief of Police is a member appointed by Councilmembers. The Chief's role is to oversee the officers and all aspects of the town/city police department.
Town Manager/Planner (2)	The town/city manager is an official appointed by the Council to administer the town/city's operations. The Town Manager works closely with Councilmembers.
Town Treasurer (2)	The town/city Treasurer's role is to manage the town funds. The Treasurer works closely with the Town Manager and Councilmembers to determine the Town budget, where money is coming in and what it is going to be spent on.
Town Clerk (2)	The town/city Clerk is the record keeper for the town. The Clerk's role is to take minutes of the monthly Council Meetings, including what special interest groups are attending the meeting, what each group spoke about and how each Councilmember votes.

Scenario:

The Town of Haymarket is considering the current needs of our community park which is used by Town residents and our greater community. The Town sent out a recent survey asking residents for suggestions on what they would like to see at Town Park. We need to review the survey answers and determine what's in the Town's best interests. What should we do with Town Park? Do we expand the playground, add more kid-friendly features or perhaps a dog park? Help us decide what the Town's needs are and make the decision.

Members of the program include:

Town Councilmember, Mary Ramirez

Vice Mayor, TracyLynn Pater

Town Manager, Emily Kyriazi

Town Treasurer, Roberto Gonzalez

Town Clerk, Kim Henry

Deputy Town Clerk, Alexandra Elswick

Other Councilmembers and the Chief of Police will participate on occasion.

Town of Haymarket's Youth in Government Application Form

Full Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ Zip _____

E-Mail (if applicable) _____

School _____ Grade Level _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different) _____

Phone _____ Work _____

In Case of Emergency, contact _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Thank you for your interest in joining Town of Haymarket's Youth in Government. Please answer the following questions, so we can get to know you better and understand why you think you would be a great candidate for the program.

Why do you want to be selected for the Town of Haymarket's Youth in Government Program? _____

What qualities do you have that would impact the Youth in Government Program? _____

What types of activities (school or extracurricular) are you or have you been involved in? Positions? Awards/Honors? _____

What do you hope to learn from this program? _____

Please tell us which two roles you would like to be selected for and why. _____

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October 30, 6:00-7:30 "Sample Work Session"
November 6, 6:00-7:30 "Sample Town Council Meeting and Vote"

Attendance is required at all four meetings to participate. Will you be able to attend all four meetings? Yes _____ No _____

IN CONSIDERATION for being permitted to participate in the Town of Haymarket's Youth in Government Program (the "Program"), Applicant and his/her parent/guardian(s) hereby agree to release, discharge, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Haymarket, its successors, assigns, officials, officers, agents, volunteers, representatives, appointees and employees, from any and all lawsuits, causes of action, covenants, claims and demands for any and all injuries, damages, expenses, compensation, fees, costs and losses, which may have been or may be sustained by Applicant, their guests and attendees, in any way relating to or arising out of the Applicant's use of the Town facilities and participation in the Program. Applicant and his/her parent/guardian(s), hereby agree to assume all risks associated with the Applicant's use of the Town facilities and the Applicant's participation in the Program as demonstrated by the signatures below.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

The parent/guardian of the above Applicant hereby grants permission for him/her to participate in the Town of Haymarket's Youth in Government Program and will assume responsibility for transporting him/her to and from all said meeting dates/times. The parent/guardian has read the above statement and understands and agrees with the above indemnification and waiver clause.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Applications must be emailed to aelswick@townofhaymarket.org, mailed or hand delivered to Town Hall (15000 Washington Street, Haymarket) by 4:00 P.M. Friday, September 22, 2023.

Please feel free to use the remainder of this page for additional responses to Application questions or to share any questions or concerns you might have about the Program.

