2026-2027 Academic Year

OCNJ Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Application

The 5-member Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) advises the City of Ocean City and the Mayor's Office on issues of interest to youth in the community. The committee is comprised of five student members and one adult member. The adult member shall be the OCHS school resource officer assigned by the Ocean City Police Department. In its inaugural year, all five student positions are currently open on the MYAC for the 2026-2027 school year.

Youth Advisory Committee Duties

- Report to the Mayor annually on youth needs, programs, and priorities;
- Remain informed on programs and services designated to meet the needs of Ocean City youth;
- Research and formulate proposals for new policies, programs, and services designed to meet the needs of Ocean City youth;
- Identify, review, and evaluate requests received by the city pertaining to its youth related policies and services;
- Establish and maintain relationships with other municipal youth advisory groups throughout the state and/or relevant youth programs or agencies;
- Develop and present an annual report on the activities of the MYAC at a City Council meeting;
- Represent the City of Ocean City when requested to do so.

All applications are due December 27, 2026.

Eligibility: Applicants must be residents of the City of Ocean City and be in eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade during the 2026-2027 academic year. Membership is not exclusive to the Ocean City School District. Private, parochial and homeschooled students are eligible to participate. Every effort will be made to appoint a diverse group of students.

Meeting Dates: The MYAC will meet monthly from January through May for the 2026-2027 school year. Beginning in 2027-2028, the MYAC will meet monthly from September through June. Meeting times shall be established by the MYAC cohort annually. Committee members are expected to attend all meetings and participate in other MYAC activities.

Application Process: Submit your completed application to mayor@ocnj.us

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For any questions, please call the Community Services Department at 609-525-4590 or email questions to staccarino@ocnj.us

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Submit application to: mayor@ocnj.us

Applicant Information

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

SCHOOL: _____ CURRENT GRADE LEVEL: _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ CELL PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

References

Please list one or two adults not related to you that can speak to your character and why you are a good fit for the MYAC. At least one should be a teacher or counselor at your school. No letters are required. We will contact your reference by phone.

REFERENCE 1

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

REFERENCE 2

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

Short Answer Questions

Please limit your answers to no more than 200 words per question.

1. Why would you like to serve on the OCNJ Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee?

2. What do you think are the greatest needs of teenagers in Ocean City? What specific projects or initiatives would you like to propose/work on if selected to serve?

3. What unique characteristics or special talents will you bring to the OCNJ Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee?

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4. What is one change you would make to improve the lives of teenagers in Ocean City?

5. Please list all extracurricular activities you expect to participate in next year, including community service, clubs, and scholastic or athletic teams.

Parent/Guardian Consent and Authorization

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian, hereby grant permission for my child to serve as a member of the Ocean City Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee and participate in its meetings, programs, and authorized activities.

I understand that participation is voluntary and may involve attending public meetings, engaging with municipal officials, and participating in community initiatives. I acknowledge that my child is expected to follow the Committee's established rules, policies, and standards of conduct.

By signing below, I confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant and consent to their participation in the Ocean City Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.

Youth Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____