

Minneapolis Youth Congress

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Established: 2007

Minneapolis Youth Congress Vision:

The Minneapolis Youth Congress (MYC) is a representative body of youth that has authentic power and influence in decisions and policies relevant to youth, and that works in collaboration with elected officials focusing on a common understanding of the welfare of the youth in the City of Minneapolis.

Congress Advises:

- City of Minneapolis
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Hennepin County
- Hennepin County Library
- Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

If you have questions, please call Ramiro Vazquez Jr. 612.704.4742 or LaToya Balogun 612.673.2346

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Membership and Structure:

- 40- 50 members
- 8th -12th grade
- Term flexible based on grade/expectations
- Full congress meets 12 times a year
- Committees meet 12 times a year
- Congress housed in the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

Committees are:

- Education
- Housing
- Safety
- Employment
- Transportation
- Health
- Green

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STEP ONE: Fill out application form.

<u>Full Name:</u> (Last, First, Middle Initial)		<u>Date:</u>		<u>Gender:</u> (Circle One) male female	
<u>Address:</u> (Street, Apartment Number/ House Number)					
<u>City:</u>	<u>State:</u>	<u>Zip Code:</u>	<u>Ethnic Background:</u>		
<u>Telephone Number (home):</u>		<u>E-mail Address:</u>			
<u>Telephone Number (cell):</u>		<u>Other telephone (if necessary)</u>			
<u>Committees:</u> Rank by interest (1-7) 1 - Highest 7 - Lowest		<input type="checkbox"/> Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Health		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Green			

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<u>Have you ever been on a Board a youth council or youth committee before?</u>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If yes, when and where?</u>
Education			
<u>Middle School/ High School Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>		
<u>School Grade this upcoming school year:</u>	<u>How did you hear about the Minneapolis Youth Congress?</u>		

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Why do you want to serve as a member of the Minneapolis Youth Congress (MYC)?

What experiences do you have with working on youth issues? Please explain.

What youth programs are you apart of? Or what organizations do you know could work with MYC?

What personal skills do you possess that would make you a good representative to the MYC?

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What do you think the Minneapolis Congress should do? Why should there be one?

What does the phrase "youth/ adult partnership" mean to you?

How much time, in addition to meetings (6 Congress meetings/year and Committees meetings twice a month) will you dedicate to the Minneapolis Youth Congress?

For additional information contact Ramiro Vazquez Jr. Ramiro.Vazquez@minneapolismn.gov or 612-704-4742

STEP TWO: Personal goal letter

Personal letter of knowledge:

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ADULT Recommendation Form for _____ (Student name)	
The Minneapolis Youth Congress (MYC) consists of 55 youth, 8 th to 12 th grade, from all over Minneapolis. MYC holds 12 meetings a year and some added as needed.. The MYC members serve as a voice for the youth of Minneapolis. This is a chance for you as a mentor, teacher or guardian to recommend a young person that you think should be a member of the Minneapolis Youth Congress.	
Name of reference:	Telephone number:
Organization/affiliation:	Title:
In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?	
What would you consider to be the applicant's strengths?	
What would you consider to be the applicant's weakness?	

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How reliable is the applicant?
Give an example of how this applicant takes initiative:
Why would this applicant be a good choice to serve on the Minneapolis Youth Congress?

STEP THREE: Adult reference for you

Interview: If selected for interview, you will be contacted to set up a personal interview with a Committee Coordinator and current MYC member. **Interviews will be held as applications are received.**

Applications due by September 30, 2021. We will accept in-coming applications, but that does not guarantee you a position in the Minneapolis Youth Congress.

Please note: that the Minneapolis Youth Congress full congress meetings are held 6 times a year and the committee meetings are held 6 times per year. Congress terms are for one year. All participants will be notified of training dates and committee meetings as members are selected. I have read and understand the time commitment required for the Minneapolis Youth Congress. I also know the importance of teamwork and cooperation. I am able to make such a commitment to the Youth Congress

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT the Central Library in Downtown Minneapolis.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Name (s) of parent/ guardian: _____

I hereby give my child permission to apply for selection to the Minneapolis Youth Congress.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION

	Completed application form with contact information
	Completed personal letter of knowledge
	Recommendation form completed by an adult
	Parent/guardian permission signed

STEP FOUR: Mail or fax application

MAIL Applications TO: Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

Attn: MYC

350 South, Ste. 201, Minneapolis, MN 55415

OR

FAX TO: Attn: MYC **FAX: 612.673.2346**

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