



April 2022

Dear Student,

As Mayor of Mesa, Arizona I would like to personally invite you to participate in the Mayor's Youth Committee. We need the talents and contributions of all our community members – particularly the next generation of young leaders – and that includes YOU!

The Mayor's Youth Committee is an elect group of juniors and seniors from high schools throughout Mesa. Past participants have often shared their favorite part of the program is the new friendships they form and the many opportunities to interact with students from all over the City.

Participants in the program gain knowledge of local government, tour city departments, and perform community service. You'll get to interact with the Mayor, City Council and City staff on a regular basis to learn the ins and outs of city government.

The capstone project for the program is the Mayor's Assignment where you work in teams to research a current Mesa issue. MYC members present their findings to the Mayor with comprehensive, well thought-out arguments including visual presentations.

MYC members who successfully complete the program are invited to participate in a special MYC graduation and reception. If desired, I'm also happy to provide MYC members a letter of recommendation to bolster your college and scholarship applications.

Each year, school administrators select students to represent their school on the committee. The deadline for applications is **May 13, 2022**.

I have witnessed the long-term effects of participation in the MYC and the leadership skills that can be developed when participants invest themselves in this great program and I hope you'll choose to apply. Your contributions to the community are both needed and appreciated!

Sincerely,

John Giles, Mayor  
Mesa, Arizona



**Mayor's Youth Committee**  
**Application for 2022-2023 Membership**

**Name (print clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** Jr. Sr. **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list your extra-curricular activities for the 2022-2023 school year:**

**Please share your accomplishments, personal goals and/or career goals:**

**What skills and talents do you bring to the Mayor's Youth Committee?**

**Describe how a specific service and/or leadership experience has impacted you:**

**What is your role as a teen in Mesa and how can participation in the Mayor's Youth Committee help?**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator/Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about MYC, email [melissa.randazzo@mesaaz.gov](mailto:melissa.randazzo@mesaaz.gov) or call 480-644-3219.



## Mayor's Youth Committee REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT

1. To be eligible for MYC, youth must live in Mesa or attend a school in Mesa and be in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. Each member must make a minimum ten-month commitment to the program from August through May.
3. MYC typically meets 1-2 times per month on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Please see the attached schedule for tentative dates and times.
4. The majority of MYC communication will be through the "Group Me" app. I agree to download the app and engage with the other participants to the best of my ability.
5. Attendance is taken at each meeting and a designated number of points is needed to graduate. If I have multiple absences and/or do not actively participate in the program, I may be removed from the Mayor's Youth Committee.
6. I understand MYC is a leadership program designed to help me learn beneficial skills. One of those important skills is responsibility. I agree to be personally accountable for my MYC commitments and not rely on my parents to communicate on my behalf.
7. I understand I must fully participate in the Mayor's Presentation in order to graduate from the MYC.

By signing this form, I agree to adhere to the listed requirements.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mayor's Youth Committee Participant Waiver of Liability

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

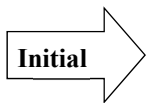
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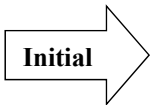
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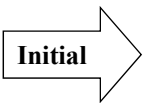
Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Mayor's Youth Committee. It is individuals like you that make Mesa such an outstanding community. As with any volunteer program, we are required to ask you to reach and acknowledge the following risk and liability matters pertaining to your participation. **Please initial in each box below that you understand and agree to these terms. If volunteer is under the age of 18, legal guardian must read and initial waiver with minor.**



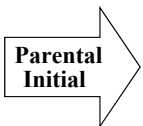
I understand that I have voluntarily agreed to participate. As such, I fully acknowledge and accept that I do this "at my own physical risk," i.e. if there is any injury of any kind from my participation in the program. I will personally assume this liability and agree to waive all claims against the City of Mesa, AZ. I am aware that this is a release of certain rights and sign it of my own free will.



I understand and accept that there may be photographs or video taken of me during my participation, and I agree that the City or the media may use these images and my name.



I understand that should the City make any tools and equipment available for my use, I will not use the tools/equipment until I determine that I can safely operate them. In consideration of the City making its tools/equipment available for my use, I agree to indemnify the City against claims of injury or property damage arising from my use of the tools/equipment.



I, as the parents or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, give my full permission for them participate in this program. I fully and voluntarily agree, on their behalf, to be bound by all the same risk and liability matters as I have initialed and signed this waiver.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature