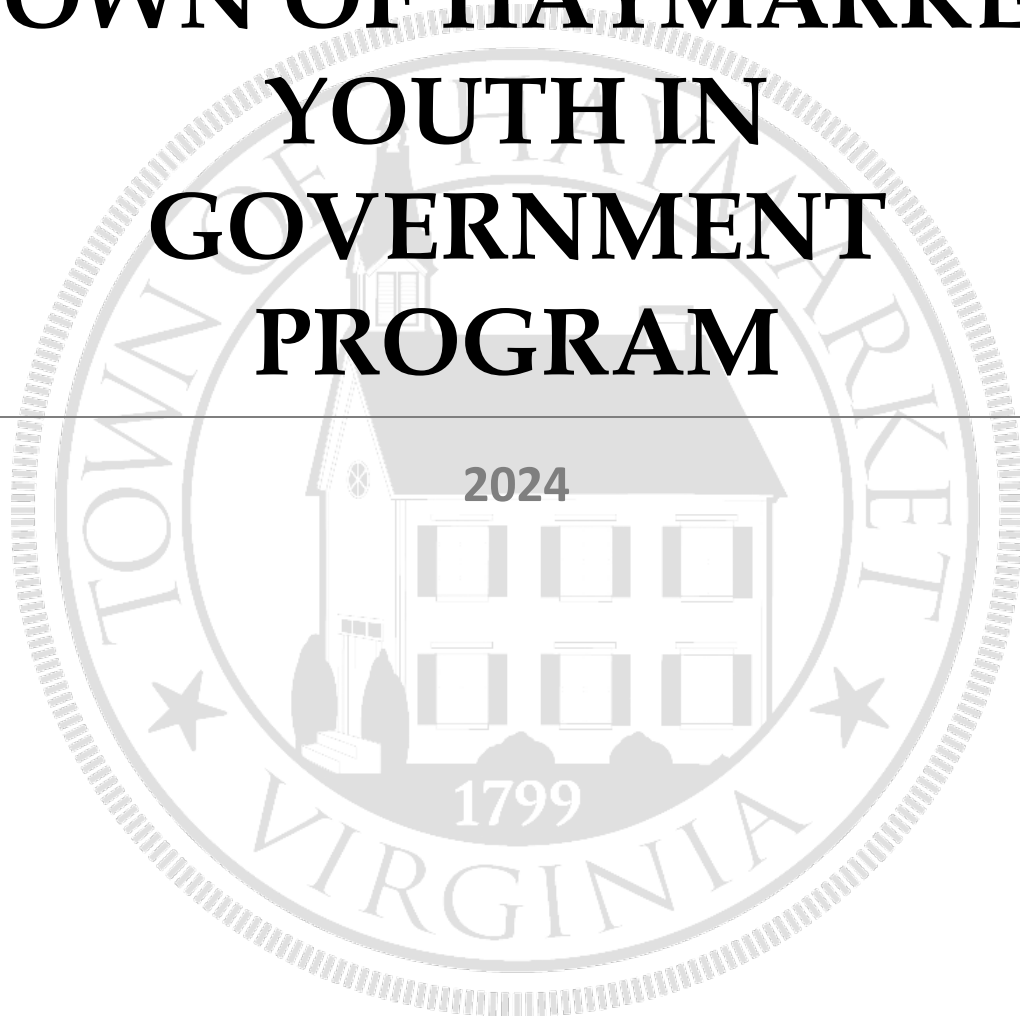

TOWN OF HAYMARKET YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM



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

Town of Haymarket Youth in Government Program 2024

Description:

The Town of Haymarket is hosting its 2nd Youth in Government Program (the “Program”) for local students. The Program will be open to 11 participants in grades 6-8. The Town of Haymarket and the Town Council are hosting this program to provide our youth of Haymarket an opportunity to voice their opinions and play a role in the decision-making process on issues that arise in our Town.

Mission:

Our mission is to engage the youth of our community, help them become more involved and informed about local government, and help them understand the importance of their roles in strengthening and growing their town.

Application Process:

All applications will be reviewed, and roles will be assigned by Town Staff and Council Members. All participants will be notified on Monday, October 7, 2024, 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 present during the meeting dates outlined below. Each meeting is crucial as the group will collaborate to address local issues and brainstorm solutions. Parents are welcome, not required, to observe the meetings but are asked not to participate. If you are interested in joining our program, please fill out the enclosed application form 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 27 2024.**

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

October 28, 5:30-6:30	Meet & Greet
October 30, 5:30-6:30	How a Town Council Meeting Works
November 1, 9:00 am-1:00 pm	Sample Work Session
November 4, 5:30-6:30	Sample Town Council Meeting

**October 19, 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 assesses situations, consults with town/city staff and council, gets input from members of the community, and decides what is best for the Town.
Vice Mayor	The Vice Mayor is an elected official who works alongside the Mayor, and steps in when the Mayor is unavailable. The Vice Mayor assesses situations, consults with town/city staff, gets input from members of the community, and decides what is best for the community.
Council Members (5)	The role of a Councilmember is to assess situations, consult with town/city staff, get input from members of the community, and decide what is right for the community.
Town Manager/Planner (2)	The town or 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 or city Treasurer is responsible for managing the town funds. This role involves working closely with the Town Manager and Councilmembers to develop the town budget, where money is coming in (revenue) and what it will be spent on (expenditures).

Scenario: We are inviting our participants to strategically allocate the proffer money provided to the Town of Haymarket from our newest residential developments. As new homes lead to more students, we aim to challenge participants to assess the needs of our local schools. The objective is for them to present their recommendations to the Town Council on how to best use these funds to support and enhance our educational institutions.

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 Clerk, Alexandra Elswick

Events Coordinator, Julia Crofford

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

Prince William County School Board Members

Town of Haymarket's Youth in Government Application Form

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 27, 2024.

Student's Full Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Student E-Mail (if applicable) _____

School _____ Grade Level _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone and E-Mail: _____

In Case of Emergency, contact _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Thank you for your interest in joining Haymarket's Youth in Government Program. 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 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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Attendance is required at all four meetings to participate. Will you be able to attend all four meetings? Yes _____ No _____ **If you need transportation to attend all or one of the four meetings, please contact Town Hall to explore carpooling options with others.*

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 _____

PARENTAL PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____, hereby grant permission to the Town of Haymarket to use photographs and/or video recordings of my child for promotional materials, website, social media, etc.

I understand that these images may be used in various forms of media, including but not limited to print, digital, and online platforms. I also understand that I will not receive any compensation for the use of these images.

I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product in which my child’s likeness appears and release the Town of Haymarket from any claims related to the use of these images.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Minor's Name: _____

Minor's Age: _____

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.