

San Mateo County Sheriff's Youth Council Application

Deadline for Applying: July 13, 2018 at 11:59 PM



What is the San Mateo County Youth Council?

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League is excited to announce the addition of the Sheriff's Youth Council. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Youth Council works to explore community issues by gathering information, discussing solutions, and making a positive difference in the community. Youth will receive regular leadership trainings as part of the program. They will develop, facilitate, and host a Youth Summit that will bring youth together from all over San Mateo County. During the Youth Summit, youth will participate in breakout sessions as well as a facilitated conversation with law enforcement personnel about issues that youth face today.

The youth council is a group of young adults from all areas of San Mateo County. The council gives input on Sheriff's Office programs and services that effect and benefit young people. Further, the council offers a voice in the community's decision-making process and opportunities to learn about government operations first-hand. The council represents:

- Diverse ideas.
- Youth from different cultural backgrounds.
- Students from public and private schools.
- Young adults who want to make a difference on behalf of their peers and future generations in our community.

Teens are asked to:

- Explore issues.
- Get the facts.
- Discuss solutions.
- Make a difference.

In addition, all youth council members will be representing our county and are expected to be willing to serve, be individuals of character and integrity, set an appropriate example, attend meetings, and support the goals of the council. This is an opportunity to serve the community, develop leadership skills, and participate in educational experiences. Besides having fun, being a member of the council reflects well on resumes and scholarship applications.

Want to Join Us?

- Ages 13 – 18 years old
- 2.5 minimum Grade Point Average or equivalent.
- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco free.
- You have a passion for serving your community.
- You want to learn about law enforcement and be a leader among San Mateo County youth.
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members stating the reasons why the youth would make an outstanding Sheriff's Youth Council Member.
- Recommendation from Program Administrators.
- Submission approval of Youth Profile, Parent Consent, and Medical Release Form.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Sheriff's County Youth Council or this application, please contact:

Brianna Bernard, Associate Program Director | (650) 257-3404, bbernard@smcgov.org

How to Apply

1. Complete (please type or print in blue or black ink) and sign this application.
2. Attach two (2) letters of recommendation (see page 7 for details).
3. Attach an official/unofficial copy of your transcript or other school-issued verification of your *cumulative* grade point average (see page 8 for details).
4. Recommendation from Program Administrators.
5. Submission approval of Youth Profile, Parent Consent, and Medical Release Form.
6. Submit your application by **July 13, 2018 at 11:59 PM** using one of the following methods:

- a. Mail or deliver the application to:

San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League
c/o Brianna Bernard
3131 Edison Way
Redwood City, CA 94063

- b. Email a signed copy of the application to bbernard@smcgov.org.

- In the subject line, please type, “[First Name] [Last Name] – SMC SYC Application.” *Example: John Doe – SMC SYC Application*
- Send only PDFs or Word documents, no image files or pictures of the application.

Selection Criteria

Selections will be made based on the following criteria:

- The student’s interest in serving on the Council. Participation may include attending volunteering outings and other events as they arise.
- The student’s history of active community involvement, volunteerism, a desire to serve others, and public service.
- The student’s interest in potentially pursuing a college education and career in law enforcement.
- The student’s desire to develop his/her leadership potential.
- The student’s history of academic achievement.

- Feedback from the student's references.
- An interview with the selection committee.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current GPA: _____

School: _____

Grade Level for the **2018-19** School Year: *Freshman* | *Sophomore* | *Junior* | *Senior*

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Will you live within San Mateo County during the **2018-2019** school year? *Yes* | *No*

The responses to the following questions will be used to gauge the diversity of the applicant pool:

Race/ethnicity: _____ Gender: _____

Name of Your School District: _____

List all of the major extracurricular activities that you are involved in:

Essay Responses

Please respond thoroughly to the following questions in one (1) to two (2) paragraphs. Responses may be provided on additional pages, if needed.

1) What does leadership mean to you?

2) How have you contributed to your community?

3) How do you hope to develop as leader in the SMC Sheriff's Youth Council?

7) **Transcript**: Include an official/unofficial copy of your transcript or other school-issued verification of your *cumulative* grade point average. Report cards are not acceptable, unless they provide your cumulative GPA.

8) **Meeting Availability** (**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – schedule may be adjusted due to council members' availability**): Council meetings will be held Tuesday evenings starting July 31st from 4:00pm-6:00pm at 3151 Edison Way, Redwood City. Tentative meeting dates are as follows: **7/31, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/6. Youth Summit Conference Date 11/12/18.**

I am available to attend meetings at those times.

I am not available to attend meetings at those times.

Certification

By signing below, you hereby certify that you have read this application in its entirety and that all statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of your knowledge and the essays submitted are your own work. You understand that any false or incomplete section of this application may result in the rejection of the application as a whole.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

As the parent / legal guardian of the applicant, I hereby grant my permission to the applicant to participate in the SMC Sheriff's Youth Council (SMC SYC), which includes, but is not limited to, monthly meetings, volunteering outings, day and overnight trips, and other activities as they arise. I understand that if accepted, the applicant will need reliable transportation to events and activities.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____