

Lewiston Seeking 2016 – 2017 Youth Council Members



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LEWISTON: The City of Lewiston is announcing that members are being sought for the 2016 – 2017 Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) year of service, which will run from July, 2016 – July, 2017. An application is below this release (scroll down).

Youth who reside in Lewiston are encouraged to apply for membership on the Council, and applications will be made available at Lewiston High School, St. Dominic Academy, Lewiston Middle School, the Lewiston City Administrator's Office (27 Pine Street), and on the City of Lewiston's web site – www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac **The deadline for application submission is May 9, 2016.**

To be considered for membership, an individual must be a Lewiston resident and a high school student or home schooled student in grades 9-12 **or** at the time of application, an 8th grade student who will be entering grade 9 in the upcoming academic year. Current members may re-apply.

The Council was first established by the Lewiston City Council in October of 2001 and has since received local, state, and national recognition. The LYAC enables youth to work toward goals to empower youth community-wide, as well as undertakes service projects that enhance the community. The youth council also serves as a liaison between the youth of the community and the City.

Projects that LYAC has been touted for include its **2015 Lewiston Community Jeopardy** about Lewiston past & present; its ongoing **"DO YOU DO LEW"** public image campaign for Lewiston; a **2014 Celebration of Immigration community event**; a **2013 December Holiday's Cultural Celebration**; **"Keep In Mind; Be Kind"** anti-bullying outreach; a **"Homeless Youth in Lewiston: What Can You Do"** documentary; a DVD entitled **"Cool Happenings on Lisbon Street"** highlighting downtown Lewiston's new businesses and activities. LYAC also worked closely with the Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee

towards revitalization of Lewiston's Pierce Street Park and facilitated a park renaming contest amidst elementary school children, resulting in "**Mark W. Paradis Park.**" LYAC also held a "**MOTIVATE ME**" youth aspirations recognition event for local middle school students; a **World Peace Day Walk & Event**; a **2010 Youth Summit**; filmed a "**Lewiston In the Eyes of Youth**" DVD; filmed a "**Keep Lewiston Clean . . . Recycle**" DVD; developed a recycling story/coloring book for elementary aged children; partnered with the Lewiston School Department to site an electronic message board at the entrance of Lewiston High School; hosted a cultural-exchange visit with Northern Ireland teens; facilitated a **U Booze U Looze (UBUL)** youth-to-youth underage drinking awareness initiative and developed/filmed "**SMASHED,**" a UBUL film approved for driver's ed curriculum statewide; demonstrated leadership in the City's successful quest for the National Civic League All-America City Award; held a **Youth Fine & Performing Arts Celebration**; a "**Lessons Through Expressions**" art event for area children; partnered with the Lewiston Fire Department for "**Is Your Number Up,**" a house/business address posting campaign to enable quick response by emergency responders; raised funds that sited the **City's 1891 E. Howard timepiece** as a multi-level presence at Lewiston City Hall; and led a community-wide noise pollution awareness campaign that resulted in an enhanced Lewiston noise ordinance.

When applications for the 2016 - 2017 year are received, a Selection Committee will review all submitted LYAC applications, conduct interviews, and appoint up to fifteen (15) youth. The committee will make its selection by the last Friday in June, and selected youth will be subsequently notified & then officially appointed during a July 2016 Lewiston City Council meeting.

For more information on the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, interested individuals may visit www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac



Application to Become a 2016-2017 Member of the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council



DEADLINE MAY 9, 2016

Submit To:

**Lewiston City Hall - Admin Office, 27 Pine Street, 1st Floor
OR as a PDF via Email to dottie@lewistonmaine.gov**

Statement of Purpose - Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)

www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac

“The LYAC shall serve as an advisory council to the Lewiston City Council in regards to community issues affecting youth and shall serve as a liaison between the youth of the community and the City. The LYAC shall enable youth to work toward goals that empower all of the community’s youth and to undertake service projects that enhance the community.”

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Grade: _____
School or Home School Affiliation: _____
Home Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Number: _____

Why do you want to serve on the 2016 – 2017 Youth Advisory Council?

(In addition to answering the question, feel free to include other information about yourself that you believe may be helpful to the Selection Committee regarding your ability to serve.)

I wish to serve on the LYAC because:

(Please Continue On Back of Form)

“Commitment to Serve”

“If selected to serve on the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, I agree to work in a spirit of teamwork with my fellow peers, the LYAC Co-Advisors, other members of the LYAC, municipal officials, municipal staff, and community members with the understanding that I have been provided with a unique opportunity to represent my peers in a positive light and effectively contribute on behalf of all youth within our community.”

Applicant’s Signature

Signatures of Two (2) Supportive Adult Community Members

Signatures of Fifteen (15) Supportive Peers That May Include Friends, Neighbors, and Classmates

