



Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council Bylaws

Mission Statement

The Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council is dedicated to empowering young voices by serving as a link to the mayor's office. In addition to our advocacy role, we are committed to learning the inner workings of city governance—gaining hands-on insights into how decisions are made and how our city is run. Through education, active engagement, and informed leadership, we strive to build a more inclusive, transparent, and dynamic future for Abbeville.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council (AMYC).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the AMYC is to empower young voices by serving as a link to the Mayor's office. The Council is committed to learning the inner workings of city governance, gaining hands-on insights into decision-making, and engaging in civic activities. Through education, active engagement, and informed leadership, we strive to build a more inclusive, transparent, and dynamic future for Abbeville.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

The Council will consist of up to sixteen (16) members selected through an application process. Members must attend a school in Vermilion Parish or reside within city limits of Abbeville.

Section 2. Selection Process

Members shall be appointed by the Mayor's Office after submitting an application including a letter of recommendation. The selection process aims to reflect diversity.

Section 3: Term of Membership

Members shall serve a one-year term, with the possibility of renewal for additional terms based on participation and engagement.

Section 4: Participation *Revised*

Members are required to participate in a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of all scheduled Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council (AMYC) meetings, events, and activities each program year. Excessive unexcused absences or failure to meet the participation threshold may result in removal at the discretion of the Mayor and Youth Council leadership.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. Officers.

The Council members shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Communications Officer. Other positions may be appointed as needed. Candidates for such positions shall be nominated and elected by the AMYC.

Section 2. Chairperson.

The duties of the Chairperson shall include, but are not limited to, planning and coordinating, facilitating discussions, appointing special committee chairs, serving as spokesperson, and coordinating meeting agendas in collaboration with the Youth Council Coordinator.

Section 3. Co-Chair.

The duties of the secondary Chairperson shall include but are not limited to assisting the Chairperson as requested and serving as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 4. Secretary.

The duties of the Secretary shall include but are not limited to preparing accurate meeting summaries of all The Council meetings.

Section 5. Communications Officer.

The duties of the Communications Officer shall include, but are not limited to updating social media, and communicating necessary information to The Council members.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. Special Committees.

Special committees may be formed at the pleasure of the AMYC and exist as deemed necessary. Chairs and members of these committees may be appointed by the members.

Article VII. Responsibilities and Duties

Section 1. Regular Meetings.

Conduct monthly meetings determined by the meeting schedule.

Section 2. Attendance *Revised*

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Section 3. Code of Conduct.

Members shall sign a Code of Conduct that they are expected to follow. A representation of the AMYC is a representation of the city. Adherence to this code is essential for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the AMYC. Failure to adhere to the Code may result in removal from the Council at the discretion of the AMYC and the Mayor.

Article VII. Oath of Office.

Upon appointment, Council members will take the following oath: "I, (insert name), do solemnly swear to promote, advocate for, educate, and advise members of the Abbeville youth. Responsibility, maturity, confidence, and respect are key ideals of Council members, and I will strive to promote those ideals in my community."

Article VIII. Amendments.

Proposed amendments to these bylaws must be submitted in writing and approved by a majority vote of the Council. Members shall receive written notice of proposed amendments at least five days prior to the meeting at which the vote will take place.

Article VIII. Adoption of Bylaws.

We, the undersigned, are all of the initial Members of AMYC, and we consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws as the governing document of this Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by this the first Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council on this 12th day of March, 2025.

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Baylor Meaux
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