



Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Jonesboro Youth City Government 2025-2026 Application

Deadline: May 23, 2025

What is the Jonesboro Youth City Government?

The JYCG welcomes rising scholars in grades 9th - 12th to apply, serve and represent the Youth as Mayor, City Council Members (6), City Manager, Director of Communications, Treasurer, and Committee Members. The selected ambassadors from the community will acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in that system working with Mayor, Council, Department Heads, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities. JCYG will promote community pride and eliminate potential negative influences amongst our future community leaders.

What does it cost?

There is no cost to the student to participate in JYCG. The City of Jonesboro and local businesses will partner to cover program costs such as the speakers, ambassador packages and refreshments.

When are meetings?

Monthly meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 6pm at the Jonesboro City Center with dinner provided. Please note that some of the dates take place during the summer. This program is a comprehensive commitment. During this program, some opportunities may require the student to travel, transportation will be provided.

JYCG Selection Process

Selections will be based on demonstrated leadership potential, commitment to community service, and passion for making a positive impact through the JYCG. A selection committee, including JYCG advisors, will review applications. Recommendations will be presented to the City of Jonesboro Mayor and City Council for approval and sworn in on Monday, August 11th at 6:00pm.

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May 23, 2025

2025 - 2026 CALENDER

Position

City Manager

Your Name

Mason White

Parent/Guardian Name ShaQuanna Colbert

Address [REDACTED] 30273

Email [REDACTED]

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Parent/Emergency Contact

Name	Phone Number	Relationship
ShaQuanna Colbert	[REDACTED]	Mother
Darius White	[REDACTED]	Father

Grade Level Sophomore - 10th Grade

School Name Morrow High School

Teacher Reference: Please provide email address: [REDACTED]

Birthdate [REDACTED]

Please answer the following questions honestly and thoughtfully:

Why are you interested in participating in this youth leadership program?

I am interested in continuing my participation in the Jonesboro Youth City Government because it has helped me grow as both a leader and a person. Through JYCG, I have learned the importance of communication, teamwork, professionalism, and civic engagement. Being involved has allowed me to use my voice to advocate for young people and help make a positive impact in my community. I enjoy working with others who are passionate about leadership and change, and I want to continue building programs, ideas, and opportunities that benefit the youth of Jonesboro. Rejoining this program would allow me to continue serving my peers while also growing my leadership experience for the future.

What specific skills or qualities do you have that you believe make you a successful leader?

I believe I am a successful leader because I am responsible, determined, organized, and willing to step up when needed. I work well with others, communicate effectively, and try to lead by example. I also know how to remain professional and focused even during challenges or disagreements. Throughout school and community activities, I have taken on leadership roles that required me to plan events, speak publicly, collaborate with teams, and represent others respectfully. I believe a strong leader listens to others, stays open-minded, and works toward solutions, and those are qualities I continue to develop every day.

What are your short and long - term goals? How do you see this program will help you reach these goals?

My short-term goals are to continue improving my leadership skills, become more involved in community service, and make a positive impact within my school and city. I also want to continue learning more about government, public speaking, and leadership. My long-term goals include attending college, pursuing a career connected to leadership, government, public service, or communications, and eventually becoming someone who can inspire and advocate for others on a larger level.

I believe JYCG will help me reach these goals by giving me hands-on experience in leadership, teamwork,

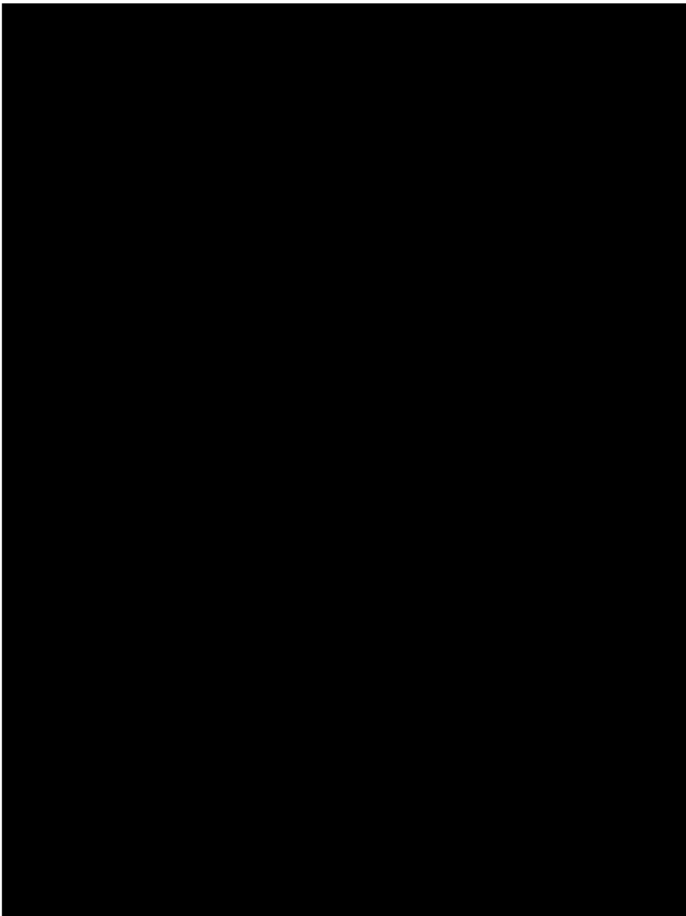
decision-making, and civic engagement. The program provides opportunities to network with leaders, participate in discussions about community issues, and gain real-world experience that will prepare me for future leadership positions.

**What do you believe are the most pressing issues or challenges facing young people today?
What do you plan to do about it?**

I believe one of the biggest challenges facing young people today is not being given the opportunity to truly speak up and be heard. Many adults underestimate youth voices or believe that young people are too inexperienced to make meaningful contributions. Because of this, many students and young leaders feel ignored, discouraged, or unsupported when trying to express ideas or create change in their communities.

I plan to help change this by continuing to advocate for youth involvement in leadership and decision-making. I want to encourage other young people to use their voices confidently and remind them that their opinions and ideas matter. Through programs like JYCG, I hope to continue creating opportunities for youth to speak, lead, and be included in conversations that impact our schools, communities, and future. I believe youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow, but also leaders today.

**Upload 30 Second Elevator Pitch
Video: Share your name, grade,
school, extra-curricular activities,
hobbies and why you are qualified for
this program.**



Student Commitment Pledge

I hereby acknowledge that the information given above is accurate. Should I be selected as a JYCG Member, I will be expected to fully contribute and participate. I will be expected to attend monthly meetings and additional coordinated activities. I understand that failure to uphold commitment may result in removal from the program. I give permission to the community for the use of my photographs that are taken by staff in order to use for betterment of the program.

Parent Commitment Pledge

If my student is accepted into the program, I understand and am fully aware of the responsibilities my

child has associated with it. I am aware that during this program my child may be offered to take part in situations in which we will need to provide transportation.

JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT WAIVER

I, the undersigned Parent/Legal Guardian of "Member", hereby consent to and give my permission for the following: 1.) That the Member has my consent and permission to participate as a member of the JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT in all activities, which may be held in venues outside of the Jonesboro City Center. 2.) I acknowledge that the Member will be participating at his/her own risk and I, on his/her and my own behalf, hereby release, discharge and indemnify the City of Jonesboro and its subsidiaries from all liability for injury to person or damage to property of myself and the Member arising out of participation in, and transportation associated with, JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT. 3.) In permitting the Member to participate, I am specifically granting permission to The City of Jonesboro and The JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT to use the likeness, voice and words of the Member in television, radio, films, newspapers, magazines and other media, and in any form not heretofore described, for the purpose of advertising or communicating the purposes and activities of the JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT and appealing for funds to support such activities. 4.) In the event of an accident or illness during JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT activities, I understand that reasonable effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian or emergency contact immediately. However, I am aware that if the injury or illness appears serious and the parent/guardian or emergency contact cannot be reached, the adult in charge will secure emergency medical care as needed. By signing below you affirm that you have read and agree to the expectations and guidelines of the City of Jonesboro and The JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT.

Release of Liability, Covenant Not to Sue, and Media Release

"Activity" is defined as attending and participating in JONESBORO YOUTH CITY GOVERNMENT planned events including, but not limited to, presentations, meal events and teambuilding. "Minor" is defined as someone who is under the age of 18. In consideration of being given the opportunity to participate in the Activity, I, as the parent or legal guardian of the Minor, for the Minor, myself, our personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and next of kin do hereby acknowledge and agree as follows: 1. Assumption of Risk: I hereby assume any and all risks associated with the Minor's participation in the Activity or related activities and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages incurred as a result of the Minor's participation in the Activity. The Minor agrees to act with due regard for his/her own safety and the safety of others. I agree to supervise the Minor throughout the Activity or have appointed another responsible adult to do so to ensure the safety of the Minor and others. 2. Release of Liability: I fully release, covenant not to sue, and hold harmless The City of Jonesboro and any of its agents, directors, members or employees for any and all claims arising, directly or indirectly, out of the Activity including, but not limited to, all claims for injuries, demands, rights, promises, damages, liabilities, or losses sustained during the Activity, including any claims for invasion of privacy, appropriation of likeness, or defamation. I also agree to hold harmless and indemnify the City of Jonesboro from any and all liability, cost, or expense, including attorney's fees, claimed by any other person arising directly or indirectly from an action or inaction by the Minor during the Activity. 3. Media Release: I fully authorize the City of Jonesboro and its affiliates to use the Minor's name, likeness, or image for purposes of advertising, marketing, or promotion without further compensation, except where prohibited by law; and I further acknowledge and agree that any images or recordings obtained or procured by the City of Jonesboro in the course of the Activity and preparation for the Activity shall be the sole and exclusive property of the City of Jonesboro and may be published, broadcast, reproduced and used in any media at the exclusive discretion of the City of Jonesboro including on the internet. I also understand and agree that I may be identified by name and/or title in printed, Internet or broadcast information that might accompany the photographs and/or video recordings of me. I waive the right to approve the final product. I hereby warrant that I am eighteen (18) years old or more and competent to contract in my own name or, if I am less than eighteen years old, that my parent or guardian has signed this release form below. This release is binding on me and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives.

Candidate Signature



Parent of Candidate Signature

