



The City of Killeen Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) was founded in 1993 by Mayor Raul Villaronga to give a voice to the youth of Killeen. YAC was created to serve as a liaison to the Killeen City Council. It exists to assist in minimizing community problems relating to youth, while encouraging positive growth and development. YAC participates in social, cultural, and recreational activities that are meant to empower them in a drug and alcohol-free environment. YAC is open for students from 8th to 12th grade.

Within YAC there are other sub-committees that incorporate younger students such as Junior YAC (JYAC). JYAC is a sub-committee within YAC for students in grades 4th to 7th. JYAC serve as a mentoring program for the younger generation and supports YAC with its mission to serve as youth representative in our community.

## **Our Mission**

To provide the youth of our community opportunities through volunteerism and service, by taking initiatives that are directed toward effective change.

## **YAC Membership**

YAC membership is composed of Killeen youth grades 4th through 12th in the Killeen Independent School District (KISD), Home School, and/or Killeen Residents. Within YAC there are different levels of membership:

- **JYAC**
  - **Youngest members, grades 4th to 7th. The JYAC's Chairs are Commissioners who mentor the JYAC and help them prepare for their future with within YAC.**
- **YAC Resource Member**

- Members range from 8th to 12th grade. The resource members support and help YAC Commissioners to achieve YAC's goals and uphold the YAC mission.
- **YAC Commissioners**
  - Members range from 8th to 12th grade and are elected by City Council to represent the City of Killeen youth. Commissioners are the only members allowed to vote and their main purpose is to represent resource members, JYAC members and the youth of Killeen. YAC has 37 commissioners positions.
  - YAC Commissioners interviews are held in September.
- **YAC Officers**
  - Members range from 8th to 12th grade and are elected by Commissioners to hold one of the 4 Officers positions. The Officers positions are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer.



**City of Dallas**

## ABOUT THE YOUTH COMMISSION (YOC)

The Commission is a group of 15 civically engaged and diverse youth located in the City of Dallas. The commission shall act as an advisory body to the City Manager and the City Council. Originally founded in 1994, the Youth Commission provides a much-needed voice for students here in Dallas with the purpose to address and advocate for issues and bring impactful change to the community.

### Mission

To inspire Dallas youth to become lifelong leaders actively engaged in civic affairs, public policy, and advocacy.

### Purpose

To encourage the Dallas youth to become effective and dedicated leaders in the future.

### Duties

- Advise the city council and city manager on issues impacting the city;
- Assist the city in identifying programs that are needed in the community; and
- Perform such other duties assigned by the City council or City manager.

## **City of Lewisville Youth Action Council**

### **Description and Purpose:**

Exceptional Lewisville teens will serve on the City of Lewisville's Youth Action Council. As part of the Council, these young service leaders advise Council on youth-related issues; assist with special projects and events; research, assess and evaluate existing youth and community programs; design and plan new youth events and activities to encourage youth involvement in the community; serve as ambassadors for, and inspire other young people by completing service projects and sharing their stories.

### **Benefits:**

- Advise while learning about approaches for engaging youth in community service.
- Partner with like-minded youth with unique perspectives.
- Act as a youth service ambassador in Lewisville by participating in and doing outreach around teen initiatives.
- Work with government and business leaders in Economic Development to develop skills needed for entrepreneurial initiatives.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Participate in monthly meetings during the 9-month term (September 2024 - May 2025). (*Can miss no more than three meetings.*)
- Inspire other young people to get involved in the community!

### **Eligibility:**

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities
- Express an interest in learning more about their community
- Be a resident of Lewisville
- Be open-minded and willing to work with their peers
- Be a high school student in grades 10-12 (Age 15-18 as of September 1, 2024) and submit the application by **August 1, 2024.**