# TML Youth Program: Youth Advisory Commission



## What is a YAC?

- Youth program created to give a voice to the youth in their city government through a civic system platform. YAC creates a safe and enriching environment in which our youth can thrive.
- YAC brings the youth's perspective, creativity, and energy to their city government.
- YAC exists to assist in minimizing community problems relating to youth while encouraging positive growth and development.

## YAC Mission & Purpose

- To provide the youth of our community opportunities through volunteerism and service by taking initiatives that are directed toward effective and positive change.
- It provides cities with energetic volunteers for civic projects, gives city leaders a fresh viewpoint on issues challenging our cities, and creates a sense of accomplishment for our youth.
- YAC participates in social, cultural, and recreational activities that are meant to empower them in a drug and alcohol-free environment.



### **5 Core Values**

- Empowerment: YAC empowers young individuals by providing them with a platform to actively participate in local governance and decision-making processes.
- 2. <u>Engagement</u>: YAC encourages active involvement and collaboration among youth, fostering camaraderie and a sense of community.
- 3. <u>Youth Voice</u>: YAC amplifies the voices of young people, ensuring their perspectives are heard and considered in matters affecting their city.
- 4. <u>Leadership Development</u>: YAC aims to nurture leadership skills among its members, equipping them to make a positive impact in their community.
- 5. <u>Community Service</u>: YAC engages in meaningful service projects that benefit the community, reinforcing the importance of civic responsibility and giving back.

## Membership

- YAC membership is composed of Manor youth grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> in the Manor Independent School District (MISD), Home School, and Manor Residents.
- Different membership levels:
  - YAC Commissioners
    - Members elected by the City Council, City Mayor, and City Staff Liaison to represent the City of Manor's youth through a screen and interview process.
    - Commissioners are the only members allowed to vote, and their primary purpose is to represent the interest of the
      resource members and the youth of Manor.
    - YAC Officers
      - There are two (2) types of YAC officers: elected by fellow commissioners & appointed by city staff liaison.
        - Elected Positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
        - Appointed Positions: Sergeant at Arms, Boards Representatives, Public Relations, and Team Building
  - YAC Resource Member
    - Members range from 8th to 12th grade. The resource members help YAC Commissioners achieve YAC's goals and uphold the YAC mission.

# Projects & Initiatives

## **Yearly Projects**

- Youth Leadership Workshops
- Special Needs Projects
- Global Youth Services Day(<u>GYSD</u>)
- Presidential Volunteer Service Award Ceremony (<u>PVSA</u>)
- Youth Conference/Fair/Summit
- Environmental Projects

## **Yearly Initiatives**

- Youth Leadership Opportunities
- Healthy Boby, Healthy Mind, Healthy Soul, Healthy Life
- Park Ambassadors
- Create an inclusive environment
- Create a safe platform and environment for Manor's youth to have a voice







































Why should Manor have a YAC?

YAC provides the following to the youth in Manor:

- A voice to the youth of Manor
- Develop and enhance leadership skills
- A safe and encouraging networking environment
- Volunteer opportunities in the community
- A platform for the youth to be involved in city activities and civic system
- Opportunities to make life-long friendships
- Fun projects and initiatives to make a positive impact in the community

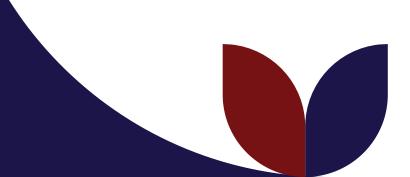


## **Proposed Logos**









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