

## YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

The City of Kalamazoo Youth Council (formal name to be determined by youth members) is seeking applications for 13 open positions for youth ages 13-18 years of age to assist the City with determining programs and activities for City youth. **Residing in the City of Kalamazoo is a requirement to join the council.** The City Youth Council will provide members with an opportunity to provide input to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding programs, activities, parks, and facilities. This is a great opportunity for youth to network and develop leadership skills while learning about City government.

The council will meet monthly on a day and time determined by council members. A \$250 stipend will be paid to members that attend at least 75% of the meetings in a calendar year. The following application form will help us get to know our applicants a little better and understand their interests. A list of optional demographic questions is also included.

**Application deadline – Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm** – The Kzoo Parks office is currently open by appointment only. Please return this application by mail to the Kzoo Parks office (251 Mills St), in person by placing it in the drop box on the south side of the Kzoo Parks office building, or scan/take a picture of the application and email to [kzooarks@kalamazoo.org](mailto:kzooarks@kalamazoo.org) This application can also be completed online at [www.kzooarks.org/youthcouncil](http://www.kzooarks.org/youthcouncil)



APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Are you a resident of the City of Kalamazoo? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Residing in the City of Kalamazoo is a requirement to join the council.</i>	
QUESTIONS	
Why are you interested in serving on the City of Kalamazoo Youth Council?   What programs, activities, or events would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Department provide for youth?   What do you like to do outside of school (hobbies, school clubs, sports, recreation activities, time with family/friends)?	

**QUESTIONS (Continued)**

If you provide your opinion, how do you feel supported in a group setting (feedback from others, constructive criticism, respectful disagreement, etc.)?

What would you hope to get out of serving on the Youth Council (new friends, experiences, learning about City government, mentorship, etc.)?

What barriers, if any, would make it difficult for you to participate on the council (transportation, lack of time, homework, etc.)?

What is your favorite snack?

Do you have any suggestions for the name of this group (Youth Council is a placeholder)?

Have you participated in any Kzoo Parks programs/activities/special events? If yes, please describe.

What do you like most about living in the City of Kalamazoo?

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS <i>(Optional)</i>	
What is your age?	What is your gender?
What neighborhood do you reside in?	
What school do you attend?	
What is your racial or ethnic heritage?	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native (not Hispanic)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian (not Hispanic; Far East, SE Asia, India)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American (not Hispanic)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (not Hispanic)	
<input type="checkbox"/> White	
<input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races (not Hispanic)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Choose to not state at this time	