



# **VILLAGE OF PINECREST YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION PACKET 2019-2020**

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# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL STUDENT APPLICATION 2019-2020

STUDENTS: PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE FAQ DOCUMENT BEFORE FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION

NAME:	
SCHOOL:	GRADE (FOR 2019-20):
HOME ADDRESS:	
HOME TELEPHONE:	CELL:
E-MAIL:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE READ THE FAQ DOCUMENT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I LIVE IN PINECREST AND/OR GO TO A PINECREST SCHOOL</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO ATTEND MEETINGS</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I AM WILLING TO MAKE A ONE YEAR COMMITMENT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I AM INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I INITIATED MY INTEREST IN JOINING THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I WAS ASKED TO APPLY BY _____</li> </ul>	
THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 <sup>RD</sup> , 2019, AT 4:30 P.M.  <input type="checkbox"/> I AM AVAILABLE <input type="checkbox"/> I AM NOT AVAILABLE	
T-SHIRT SIZE? _____	

**Students, please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible (attach extra paper if necessary):**

I currently participate in the following academic, extracurricular, community service, or volunteer activities:
If you could change one thing in Pinecrest, what would it be?

I feel I am an excellent candidate for the Youth Advisory Council because of the following reasons:

What issues about local government interest you (Elected Office, Police, Parks, Programs, etc.)?

What are the three most important issues to you regarding your community?

How did you hear about YAC?

List two adult references (non-relatives) with contact information including telephone number:

- 1.
- 2.

**THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON DUE TO RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY, CREED, AGE, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, OR SEX.**

*I have read the FAQ document and understand the program requirements:*

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Completed Application (Student Application & Parent Permission Form) **no later than June 28th** to:

Village of Pinecrest, Attn: Youth Advisory Council  
12645 Pinecrest Parkway, Pinecrest, FL 33156  
or clerk@pinecrest-fl.gov

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PARENT PERMISSION FORM 2019-2020

PARENTS: PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE FAQ DOCUMENT BEFORE FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:

PARENT/GUARDIAN TELEPHONE:

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL:

PARENT/GUARDIAN CELL:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:

EMERGENCY CONTACT CELL:

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY HEALTH ISSUES OR ALLERGIES  
THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- I HAVE READ THE FAQ DOCUMENT
- MY CHILD LIVES IN PINECREST AND/OR GOES TO A PINECREST SCHOOL
- I CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND MEETINGS
- I AM WILLING TO CHAPERONE ONE (1) EVENT
- I UNDERSTAND MY CHILD'S PHOTO MAY BE PUBLICIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- I UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM

*I have read the FAQ document and understand the program requirements:*

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FAQ DOCUMENT 2019-2020

## 1. What is the Village of Pinecrest's Youth Advisory Council (YAC)?

Pinecrest's YAC was established by Resolution of the Pinecrest Village Council. It is comprised of 16 students selected annually. The purpose of the program is to:

- provide an opportunity for the youth of our community to participate and voice their concerns regarding local issues
- introduce the members to the workings of local government, including different departments
- participate in Community Service
- develop presentation skills, including participation in Village Council meetings
- develop leadership skills
- learn life skills

## 2. Who oversees the program?

The program is run by the Village of Pinecrest. Specifically:

- Katie Abbott, Councilmember & YAC Advisor - [kabbott@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:kabbott@pinecrest-fl.gov)
- Priscilla Torres, Assistant Village Clerk & YAC Advisor - [ptorres@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:ptorres@pinecrest-fl.gov)

## 3. What are the requirements for applying to the program?

Applicants must:

- either live in Pinecrest or attend a public or private school located in Pinecrest
- be a rising 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grader (returning 12<sup>th</sup> graders may apply)
- submit a completed application NO LATER than June 28<sup>th</sup>. This is FIRM.
- have an interest in making Pinecrest a better place through community service, feedback and interactions
- want to learn more about how our local government functions

## 4. How long is the program?

The term of the program is one year, starting in August. There are no activities over the summer. Students may re-apply every year until they graduate high school.

## 5. Is there a cost for the program?

There is no application fee nor a program fee. The program is funded by the Village of Pinecrest.

## 6. What is the application process?

Applications are available online at [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/YAC](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/YAC) starting May 1, 2019. The form can be submitted from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>. The form can be sent via email, U.S. Mail or dropped off at Village Hall. The form must be IN at Village Hall (contact is Priscilla Torres) NO LATER than 4:00 p.m. on June 28, 2019. Contact Priscilla Torres at [ptorres@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:ptorres@pinecrest-fl.gov) with any questions.

Select applicants will have the opportunity to interview in July. The interview may be held by Assistant Clerk Priscilla Torres, Councilmember Katie Abbott, and previous YAC members. It is not mandatory. If an applicant is out of town they may also do a phone interview. If this is not possible, it will not be held against their application.

Chosen students will be announced by July 31<sup>st</sup>. At the first meeting, admitted students must sign a Code of Behavior contract and YAC Officers are elected (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer).

**7. Is it difficult to get into the program?**

It depends on the applicant pool for that year. The following conditions affect the acceptance rate:

- How many returning students in good-standing apply
- How many students from the previous year graduated
- How many new, qualified applicants there are

Please note that it is extremely unlikely that all applicants will be accepted. We appreciate your understanding.

**8. How many meetings are there per year? Are they mandatory?**

There is a meeting every month from August to May, generally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. If that date is affected by the school calendar then it likely will be another Friday afternoon of the month. Most meetings take place at the Pinecrest Municipal Center (12645 Pinecrest Parkway). Some meetings take place at other locations, usually within Pinecrest. Rarely, additional meetings are called throughout the year.

Members are expected to attend as many meetings as possible. Any member who misses two unexcused or three excused YAC meetings may be removed and their position will become vacant. Pre-arranged absences are not counted as unexcused, however the member must contact Priscilla Torres *before* the meeting.

**9. How much community service is required?**

Students are given a community service log and are responsible for completing it by the final meeting. A specific amount is not specified but it is expected that YAC students attend at least 2 (out of about 5) YAC community service opportunities.

Public schools will likely accept YAC community service hours if they are required for a class or club. Private school students will need to check with their school regarding their specific rules.

Should you have any more questions or concerns, please contact:

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