



VILLAGE OF PINECREST YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION PACKET 2020-2021

- STUDENT APPLICATION**
- PARENT PERMISSION FORM**
- FAQ DOCUMENT**

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 26th at 4:00 p.m.:**

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

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PARENT PERMISSION FORM 2020-2021

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
- 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 2020-2021

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 24 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
- Priscilla Torres, Assistant Village Clerk & YAC Advisor - ptorres@pinecrest-fl.gov

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

Applicants must:

- live in Pinecrest
- be a rising 8th - 11th grader (returning 12th graders may apply)
- submit a completed application NO LATER than June 26th. 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 starting May 15, 2020. The form can be submitted from June 1st to June 26th. 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 26, 2020. Contact Priscilla Torres at ptorres@pinecrest-fl.gov with any questions.

Chosen students will be announced by July 31st. At the first meeting, admitted students must sign a Code of Behavior contract and YAC Officers are elected (President, Vice President, and Secretary). New YAC members and previous YAC members in good-standing may apply for Officer positions.

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 2nd 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.

In addition, members are also required to attend one Village Council monthly meeting (of their choice) for a minimum of 2 hours.

9. How much community service is required?

Students are given a community service log and are responsible for completing it by the final meeting. YAC members must complete 20 hours of Pinecrest Village Community Service including participation in at least 4 Pinecrest Village events. There are many events throughout the year that members can choose from to fulfill this responsibility.

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:

- Katie Abbott, Councilmember - kabbott@pinecrest-fl.gov
- Priscilla Torres, Assistant Village Clerk - ptorres@pinecrest-fl.gov