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SAYI

Serving as Youth Leaders Program

Have a **VOICE** in local government and share
your perspective on local issues!

**YOUTH & GOVERNMENT
WORKING TOGETHER**

HOW TO APPLY

The Adams County Board is now accepting applications for **YOUTH** to serve as **YOUTH** representatives on the County Board. **YOUTH** must be in grades 10, 11, or 12 in the current school year with a grade point of 2.5 or greater.

- **Application and one reference form from a teacher are due by September 10th of the current year.**

Student representatives will represent the **YOUTH** of the county. This initiative provides **YOUTH** an opportunity to play a valuable and active leadership role in the governance of the County, while developing their own interest in how local government works.

TIMELINE

- Interviews and/or selection of candidates will occur August/September.
- Official appointments will occur at the September County Board meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month).
- Orientation and training will be held at the courthouse following the appointment.
- There are no term limits; returning members must meet all program requirements to re-apply.
- Youth members will serve a term from September through May. Optional months include June—August.

WHAT YOU'LL GET!

- ❖ *Opportunities to job shadow.*
- ❖ Gain knowledge of the civic and political processes that affect you.
- ❖ *Become more confident in public speaking, develop leadership skills, practice critical thinking, learn about problem solving and decision making through the democratic process!*
- ❖ Become more engaged in your community and what happens.
- ❖ *Help plan Student Government Day and other fun educational activities in the schools.*
- ❖ Develop positive relationships with adults on the County Board.
- ❖ **And so much more....**



YOUTH involvement on the Adams County Board will require not only enthusiasm, but a commitment of your time and energy to this important role.

If selected, you will be required to attend monthly meetings, committee meetings and help plan Student Government Day and other educational activities throughout the county.

YOUR ROLE

- Your role is to represent the youth of Adams County.
- Attending monthly meetings:
 - Committee meetings are typically held monthly during working hours (Virtual meetings available for those that live outside the Adams-Friendship School District)
 - County Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at the Adams County Court House
 - Attend the monthly Sayl meeting at 4:30pm prior to the County Board meeting at 6:00pm.
- Staying up-to-date on important issues
- Seeking input of other people
- Cast non-binding advisory votes at the committee and county board level
- Help plan Student Government Day
- Help plan events for County Government Month
- Preparing for meetings, obtaining, and reviewing material's prior to attending meetings

YOUR CHOICE

Participants will have a choice in the experience they receive from participating in the Sayl program!

Choose Between: (See the Sayl Application for more information on Committee Choices)

Option A: Job shadow a specific County Department which includes attending the Department Committee meeting each month.

Option B: Choose to gain a better understanding of how local government works in general by attending a variety of Department Committee Meetings. You will attend a different Department Committee meeting each month.

Online Application Form:

<https://forms.gle/cySTQJR6HSFwybF58>

Printable Form and Information Sheet can be obtained in the Google Folder at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16uzWz_AKdGWUyubciEI7Q5VgoDP5Z8T5?usp=sharing

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