



**PATERSON YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**2019-20 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



## WHAT IS THE PATERSON YOUTH COUNCIL?

### What does the Paterson Youth Council do?

The Paterson Youth Council is the premier voice for the young people of Paterson. It is a year-long leadership development program in which members delve into important topics like education, the environment, and public safety. Members meet two Saturdays per month and one Thursday evening per month. Members take trips to Philadelphia and Washington, DC and also go on a number of college tours. Members also have a year-long special project they typically work on and from time to time attend meetings of the Paterson City Council and Board of Education. At the conclusion of a successful year of participation—which must include attendance at 85% of all meetings—members graduate with a \$500 stipend.

### Mission Statement

*We, the Paterson Youth Council, represent and engage the youth of Paterson to create opportunities that better themselves and their community. We strive to develop positive community change and influence young leaders to remember their past, improve their present, and affect their future.*

### PYC Member Minimum Requirements & Responsibilities

- Members must commit to meeting 2 Saturdays per month as well as one Thursday evening per month
- Members will be required to participate in a meaningful way in discussions about issues affecting youth and the community at-large, such as education, the environment, and public safety.
- Members will both coordinate and take part in many different community service projects over the course of the year, including the 9/11 day of service, Make A Difference Day, Dr. MLK Awards Breakfast, Global Youth Service Day, and many others.
- Members must recruit at least 5 volunteers for every community service or special event that PYC sponsors or participates in.
- Members will be required to attend certain City Council and Board of Education meetings.
- Members must attend all Youth Council meetings and special events; attendance of less than 85% may result in termination from the program or loss of program stipend.

### Application Overview

*Please take note of the following sections included in this application. Be sure to complete this application in its entirety and include all necessary attachments (i.e. essays, references, etc.)*

- ✓ **Applicant Information**
- ✓ **Short Essays**
- ✓ **Reference Forms**
- ✓ **Statement of Agreement**

**Applications must be delivered or post-marked no later than July 24, 2019. Applications will not be accepted after this date. After receiving applications, interviews will be scheduled in early August.**

### Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered to:

David Gelman  
Paterson Youth Council  
c/o NJCDC  
32 Spruce Street, Third Floor, Paterson, NJ 07501

**Please direct any questions or information requests to 973.413.1622 or by email at [dgelman@njcdc.org](mailto:dgelman@njcdc.org)**



**Interests/ Hobbies**

Please identify and describe some of your interests and/or hobbies?

---

---

What do you believe to be your strongest qualities or attributes and why?

---

---

What skill or personal qualities in your life would you like to improve and why?

---

---

**SHORT ESSAYS:** On a separate sheet of paper, please type or print legibly a response to each of the questions below. Please write a minimum of one (1) paragraph, and no more than three (3) paragraphs for each answer. Please attach and return with this application.

1. Please describe what issues in Paterson you are most concerned about and why.
2. Please describe your vision for Paterson in the future.
3. Please describe why and how young people can make a difference in Paterson.

**REFERENCE FORMS**

Please have two ADULTS fill out the attached reference forms explaining why they think you would be a good member of the Paterson Youth Council. *Please attach and return with this application.*

**STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

<p><b>STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT</b></p> <p>I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, all information in this application is correct. I have read the entire application, including the description of the Paterson Youth Council, and its member responsibilities, benefits and requirements. I further understand that successful completion of the program is based on overall participation in PYC related events and is not guaranteed:</p> <p>Applicant Signature: _____</p> <p>Parent or Guardian's Name: _____</p> <p>Parent or Guardian's Signature : _____</p>
--



## REFERENCE FORM 1

NAME OF PATERSON YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Organization or School Title

Street Number Street Apt #

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Why would the nominated party make a great addition to the Paterson Youth Council (please attach additional pages if necessary)? ***PYC is a group of teenagers who meet regularly to discuss issues of importance to Paterson young people and to take action to help make Paterson a stronger community for all citizens.***

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Signature Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

