

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH YOUTH





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The **Mayor's Youth Council** idea was brought to the former Mayor Bauknight by a group of exceptional young people who have demonstrated a commitment to serving our community and making Victoria a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Through their dedication, hard work, and leadership, they have made a lasting impact on our city and its residents.

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WHAT IS THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL?

The mission of the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) is to promote civic engagement by youth. The MYC provides high school students with opportunities to learn about city government, develop leadership skills, and bring awareness to issues that are important to Victoria's youth.

MYC is made up of junior and senior high school students representing the youth population of Victoria and is open to students from VISD, St. Joseph, Faith Academy, Industrial ISD, Bloomington ISD, and other home schooled students. Members meet 1-2 times monthly during the school year to listen to presentations from City staff, outside organizations, and elected officials, plus organize volunteer opportunities and discuss issues concerning youth.

WE AMPLIFY OUR VOICE THROUGH:

Local Government:

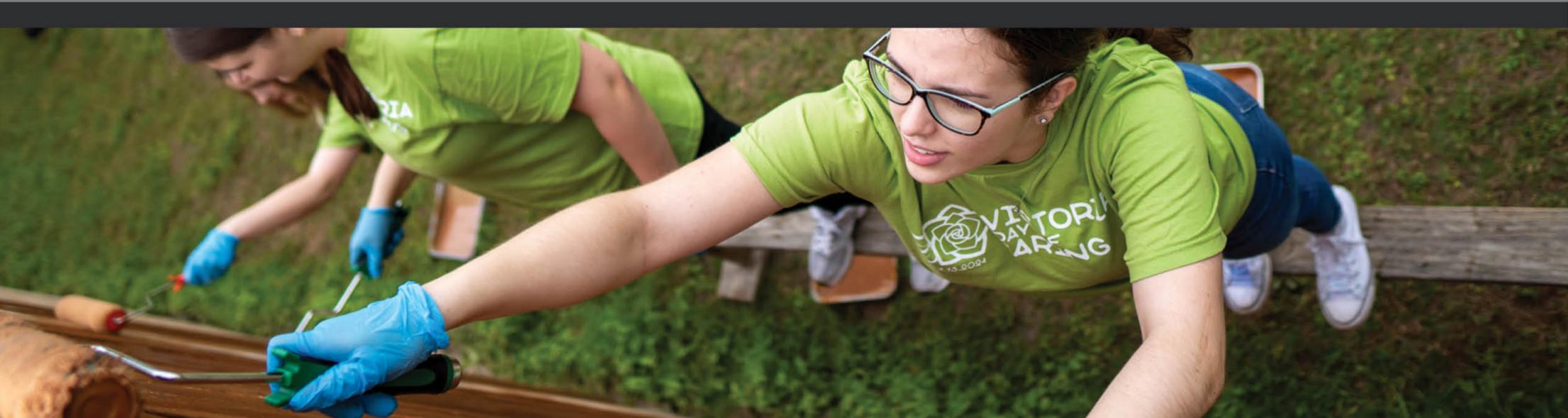
MYC members are led by elected officer positions within the council as follows: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. Members are selected to serve within their local districts to mirror Victoria City Council members with a maximum of 15 total members.. Officers preside over meetings, coordinate with City staff, and engage fellow MYC members in leadership opportunities.

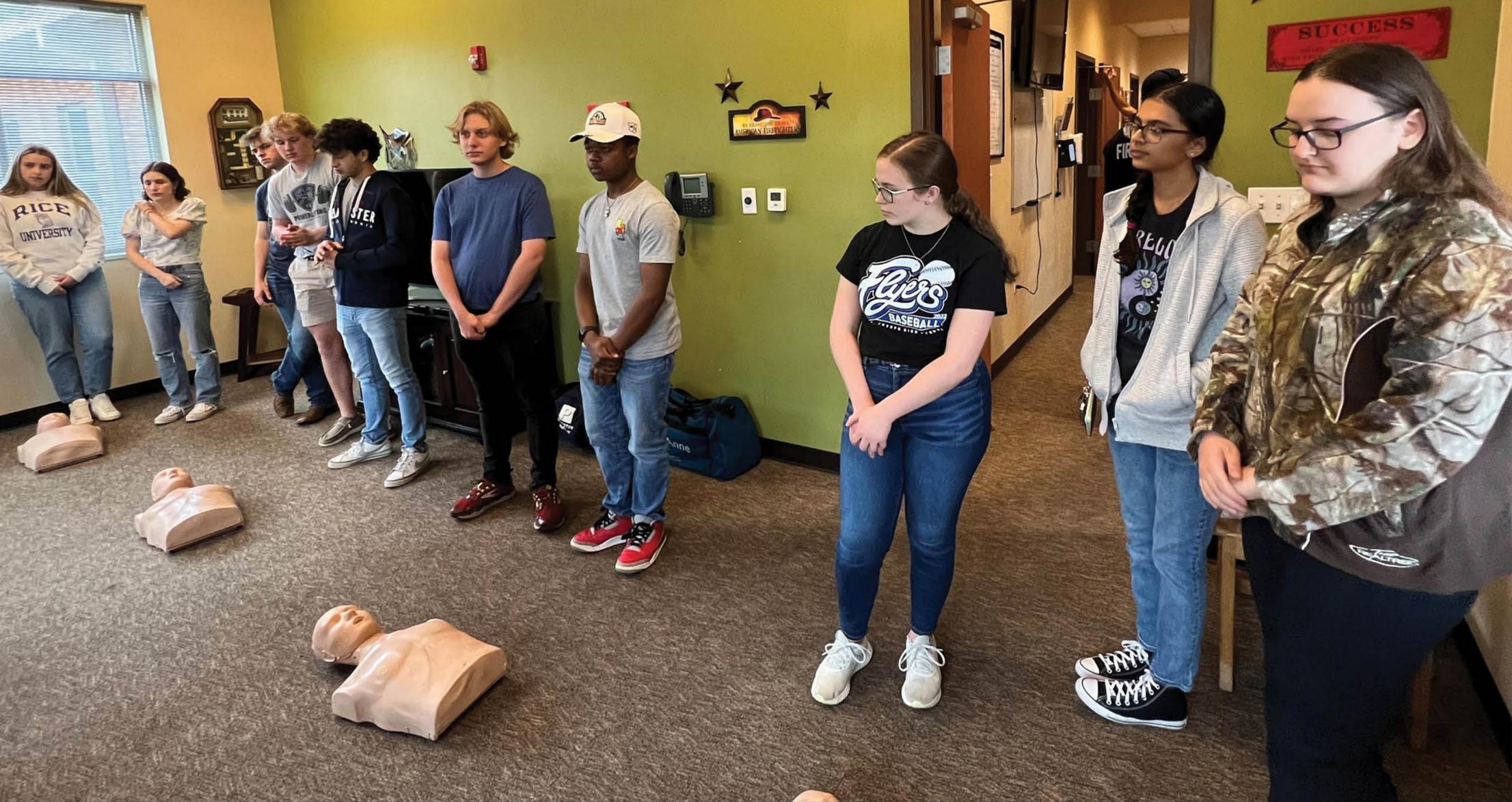
Civic Engagement:

MYC members create and join subcommittees that are focused on specific issues that impact youth. These subcommittees provide input to City Council and other elected officials when appropriate.

Community Service:

Semi-annually, MYC members participate in community service-learning projects collectively. Those unable to attend are expected to make up community service hours individually.





Requirements & Benefits

MYC members will:

- Learn and practice parliamentary procedure.
- Practice civic engagement
- Develop communication, social interaction, and networking skills.
- Engage with like-minded peers throughout the city.
- Network with City of Victoria departments, community organizations, and County, State, and Federal officials

Eligibility requirements:

- Students must be a junior or senior in high school during the corresponding school year.
- Commit to serving for one school year (August-May)
- Submit completed application.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Attend orientation.
- Attend & actively participate in meetings each month.
- Participate in semi-annual community service opportunities.

Student Application

In order to complete your application, fill out the following form online or via PDF with all sections completed. Once all sections are completed, email it to ksmith@victoriatx.gov along with at least one recommendation letter by August 31 of the school year in which you are applying.