

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, December 19, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the October 17, 2024 Meeting

4. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Youth Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Upcoming Events/Activities

- **Youth Council Legislative Action Days Program** The 2025 Youth Council Legislative Action Days Program will be held on March 25-26, 2025 in Tallahassee.
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7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Council Training

1. Linda Cox, Acting City Manager

b. Youth Award Recognition Program

c. EMPOWER YOUTH Labor of Love

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Youth Council Advisory Committee

3. a.

Meeting Date: 12/19/2024

Re:

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

10.17.24 Minutes

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Audria Moore called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Welcome - Commissioner Arnold Gaines

Commissioner Arnold Gaines opened the meeting with a welcome address, expressing his enthusiasm for the Youth Council and pledging his support for their future initiatives. He emphasized the importance of active participation and encouraged members to bring forward their ideas for community improvement.

b. Introductions by Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator

Following the Commissioner's remarks, staff and council members introduced themselves. Audria Moore introduced herself as the Special Projects Coordinator and council staff liaison, while Jennifer Robinson introduced herself as the Executive Assistant in the City Manager's Office. Council members shared their motivations for joining, with Janessa Diaz expressing her desire to improve the community, Naomi Hypolite citing inspiration from her sister's community impact, and Elizabeth "Liz" Outten sharing her interest in becoming more involved in community service.

c. Overview of YOCO

Ms. Moore provided an overview of the Youth Council's role as an advisory body to the City Commission. She explained that members' terms would extend through February 20, 2026, and outlined the process for making recommendations to the City Commission. She also announced plans for monthly presentations from department heads to help members better understand city government operations.

d. Roberts Rules of Order

The Council reviewed administrative procedures, beginning with an explanation of Robert's Rules of Order for meeting management. Ms. Moore provided an overview of Florida's Sunshine Law requirements, emphasizing the importance of public access to meetings, proper notice requirements, and the prohibition on private discussions of Council business outside of meetings.

e. Sunshine Law Overview

f. Election of Officers

In the election of officers, Janessa Diaz was unanimously elected as Chair. Reese Adams was elected as Vice Chair, with duties including running meetings in the Chairperson's absence. Naomi Hypolite was elected as Second Vice Chair, a position created to ensure meeting continuity when both Chair and Vice Chair are absent.

g. YOCO Attire

The Council discussed administrative matters, including the distribution of polo shirts to members. Ms. Moore informed the Council about their affiliation with the Florida League of Cities Municipal Youth Councils and described the upcoming Youth Council Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee. The two-day program features capital tours, meetings with legislative delegates, and training on advocacy and leadership. She noted the Council's previous achievements, including winning the Community Service Award at a past Florida League of Cities event. Staff will provide necessary documentation to schools for the March 24th event and informed members about scholarship opportunities for seniors.

h. Florida League of Cities

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During the final portion of the meeting, the Council discussed youth engagement initiatives. A member proposed creating a public service registry system for coordinating volunteer opportunities. The Chair noted the need for proper record maintenance and accessibility to comply with public records law. Another member suggested using a school-based survey approach to gather student input, similar to the school board's system. The Chair emphasized that any campus distributions would require proper authorization and encouraged members to gauge peer interest in the public service database concept.

6. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM was made by Vice Chair Reese Adams and seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Naomi Hypolite. The Chair reminded members to be proactive in seconding motions during future meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM on October 17, 2024.

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SUBJECT:

Youth Award Recognition Program

Attachments

Youth Award Recognition Presentation 8.24.2023

City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program - SAMPLE ONLINE FORM

YOUTH AWARD RECOGNITION
PRESENTATION



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OVERVIEW



- Recognize achievement in positivity and different categories specific to individuality
- Identify local groups that provide some form of community involvement and social interaction for youth

EXECUTION STRATEGY



Our execution strategy is simply providing an award ceremony for local youth that family, friends, and community members can attend. This ceremony will be provided by The City of Fort Pierce.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Innovator Award- recognizes youth who have shown excellence in the fields of math and science through research, study, or improvement in their community

Beyond the View- recognizes youth who have different accommodations, and needs that should be viewed just as normally as anyone else

Humanitarian Award- recognizes youth who have put forth efforts to make their community a better place or are active in local or state government

Visionary Award- recognizes youth who have turned creativity and knowledge into an entrepreneurial or economic venture

Role Model Award- recognizes youth who lend a helping hand to peers and younger youth in their community

Student Athlete Award- recognizes students who show excellence in the classroom through behavior and maintaining grades while also being an athlete

RULES

Students must reside within City of
Fort Pierce

Students must have a cumulative
GPA of 2.8 or higher

Parents must provide proof of
address

AWARD SUBMISSIONS

All submissions should relate to award category said nominator is selecting student for. Must include category name in submission. **Letter of recommendations are required.**



Photo/Video



Article or Write Up



Recommendation
Letter

ORDER OF BUSINESS

January–March

Applications open

April–May:

Evaluation/selection

June:

Award Presentation

July–September:

Applications open

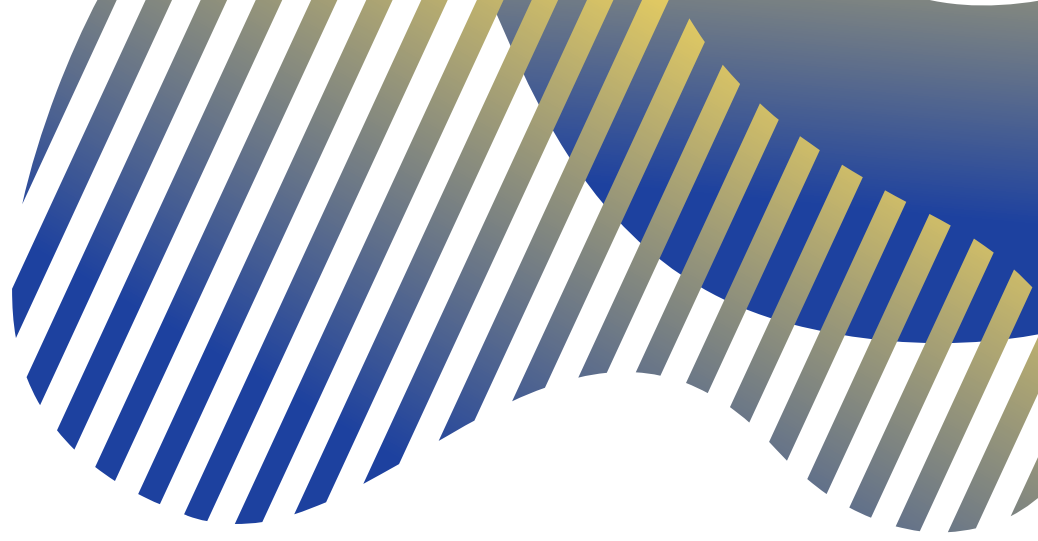
October–November:

Evaluation/selection


December:

Ceremony

Youth Council will review applicants during their monthly meeting and make recommendations.



DISCUSSION





YOUTH AWARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program

Youth Award Recognition Program Overview

Overview

As our communities are committed to providing different outlets and opportunities, this award recognition program will showcase talents, celebrate achievements, and highlight the positive impact of the efforts of our local youth. Youth, who have performed above and beyond and excelled in the following categories:

1. Innovator Award
2. Beyond the View
3. Humanitarian Award
4. Visionary Award
5. Role Model Award
6. Student-Athlete Award

The Youth Award Recognition will be awarded to youth who have shown exceptional achievements and have been identified as being clearly outstanding.

Requests for Nominations

Area Schools, sports organizations, youth organizations, faith-based organizations, service clubs, community organizations, parents, business owners, or others who know a young person who deserves to be recognized for their outstanding achievements are requested to submit nominations using the nomination form. Nominations must contain details and examples with supporting documentation of the achievements and activities of the nominated youth as well as evidence of compliance with eligibility, general and specific criteria established

in the award guidelines. Winners are selected based on a recommendation by the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee is comprised of the City of Fort Pierce Youth Council. The awards will be presented in June and December of the current year.

Individuals and organizations are requested to submit nominations via the online nomination form no later than the published deadline. For further details on the nomination process contact Audria Moore at amoore@cityoffortpierce.com or call 772.467.3184.

The City of Fort Pierce reserves the right to accept or reject any nomination or to cancel the nomination process and reject all nominations, at any time prior to presenting the awards.

Award Guidelines

Eligibility

- Nominees must reside in the City of Fort Pierce.
- Nominees must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Nominees must be in middle or high school.
- Nominees' parents or guardians must provide proof of address.
- Nominees must be of good character.
- Nominees' qualifications must meet the award eligibility criteria.

Click Continue below to complete the Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form on the next page.

Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form

NOMINEE

First Name

Last Name

School

Grade Level

Phone Number

Gender

Address1

Address2

City

State

Zip

Email Address

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name

Last Name

Organization/Title

Relation to Nominee

Email Address

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Award Categories

To the Nominator: Please comment on the applicant's background, experiences, community involvement, and leadership ability based on the category the youth is being nominated for that will help the review committee evaluate this individual. Please include a letter of recommendation, photographs and/or videos, and other letters of support.

Why are you nominating this individual for an award?

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

Please list any extracurricular activities that the nominee participates in (volunteer, work, sports, church, etc.) that relates to the category for which they are nominated.

Is there anything else about this nominee that should be taken into consideration?

Attach letter of recommendation

Attach photographs

Attach video

Attach other supporting documents

I have completed this form to the best of my ability. I, in no way, have falsified information or misrepresented the above award nominee.

By typing your name, you are signing this nomination form.

Nominator Signature

Date

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2024.

Please note that you can also send the completed nomination form and letter of recommendation by email or USPS as follows:

Email:	amoore@cityoffortpierce.com
Mail:	Audria Moore Fort Pierce City Hall 100 North US Hwy 1 Fort Pierce, FL 34950

For additional assistance, please call Audria Moore at 772-467-3184.

Email not displaying correctly? [View it in your browser.](#)