

**FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL
AGENDA**

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, January 15, 2026 - 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 minutes from the December 18, 2025, Fort Pierce Youth Council meeting.

4. **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.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update on the essay winners - Commission Approval
- b. Update on Youth Award - Nomimations are open until March 31, 2026
- c. Youth Council Excellence Award - Deadline for entries is March 4, 2026
- d. Council2College Scholarship - Deadline for entries is April 1, 2026
- e. Youth Community Listening Event discussion

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (772) 467-3065 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4:00 PM

3. a.

Meeting Date: 01/15/2026

Re:

SUBJECT:

Approval of minutes from the December 18, 2025, Fort Pierce Youth Council meeting.

Attachments

Minutes

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, December 18, 2025 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janessa Diaz called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Reese Adams; Chairperson Janessa Diaz; Naomi Hypolite; Clarice Jean; 2nd Vice Chair Mayling Augustin; Bianca Estime; Addison Fee; Elizabeth Outten; Timothy Nixon

Absent: Marcos Vaughn; Emily Esquivel

Staff Present: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator
Natasha Robinson, Budget Analyst
Brittany Meredith, Deputy City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2025, Fort Pierce Youth Council meeting.

Motion made by Naomi Hypolite, Seconded by Elizabeth Outten to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2025 meeting with corrections to item 5c2.

AYE: Addison Fee, Bianca Estime, Clarice Jean, Elizabeth Outten, Naomi Hypolite, Timothy Nixon, 2nd Vice Chair Mayling Augustin, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

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

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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None

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Essay Contest

Special Projects Coordinator Audria Moore presented the essays that were submitted for the board to read and determine the top 3.

Motion made by Timothy Nixon, Seconded by Vice Chair Reese Adams to keep the essays that were over the maximum word count.

AYE: Addison Fee, Bianca Estime, Clarice Jean, Elizabeth Outten, Naomi Hypolite, Timothy Nixon, 2nd Vice Chair Mayling Augustin, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

The Committee gave staff their totals for each essay and staff totaled them. They agreed the essays were all well written. Essay #1 had the most points, followed by #3, then #2, with #4 having the fewest.

b. Tallahassee Trip

Ms. Moore asked the Committee if anyone was interested in attending the 2026 Florida League of Cities Youth Legislative Action Days and Bianca, Mayling, Naomi, Timothy, and Clarice expressed interest.

c. Youth Community Listening Session - Boys & Girls Clubs

The Committee discussed the listening session scheduled for February 12th at Percy Peek Gym. They will be running the meeting, they will be checking people in, passing out cards for any questions, running support, creating the checking sheet, and running the show. Ms. Moore let them know that the roles would be sent out to them. They will be discussing flyers at the next meeting.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Moore let the Committee know that the Commission is very interested in feedback from this group. The ideas they are bringing to the table currently are being taken seriously; there are things happening in the City right now that will shape future generations. She also let the Committee know the Commission will be hosting a listening event at the local High Schools, and they would like the committee member that attends the school to be a part of the event. The first event is scheduled for March 2026.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Janessa Diaz adjourned the meeting at 4:51 P.M.

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Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4:00 PM

5. b.

Meeting Date: 01/15/2026

Re:

SUBJECT:

Update on Youth Award - Nomimations are open until March 31, 2026

Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4:00 PM

5. c.

Meeting Date: 01/15/2026

Re:

SUBJECT:

Youth Council Excellence Award - Deadline for entries is March 4, 2026

Attachments

2026-2026 Youth Council Excellence Awards

YOUTH COUNCIL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Florida League of Cities is excited to present the Youth Council Excellence Award, celebrating exemplary youth council initiatives or projects that have made significant contributions to their municipalities. This award recognizes the innovation, leadership, and excellence of municipal youth councils across Florida.

OVERVIEW

Youth councils are invited to submit a current initiative or project. Initiatives may focus on community service, civic engagement, or other topics.

APPLICATION RULES

The application packet must include:

- ▶ A written description of the project in **750 words or less** that answers the following questions:
 - What were the project's goals?
 - How were the project's goals accomplished?
 - Why was the project needed in your community?
- ▶ Letter of recommendation from the mayor, manager/clerk, or a member of the council/commission
- ▶ Up to five photos depicting the event

Your nomination will NOT be scored if missing any of the above.

The Florida League of Cities Youth Council Excellence Award is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town, or village government that is a member of the Florida League of Cities.

The deadline for entries is March 4, 2026.

Judging will be based entirely on the youth council's submitted entry. The judges' decision is final, and all material received becomes the property of the Florida League of Cities, with permission to use it perpetually and universally, in any manner deemed appropriate by the League, with no additional compensation beyond the award money presented to the winner.

SUBMISSION

All work must be submitted through an online form available at flcities.com/youth-councils.

Submissions that are emailed or mailed will not be judged.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in April 2026. Three projects will be selected as winners. Winners will:



Be showcased on the League's website and social media platforms



Be recognized in press announcements and the League's Quality Cities online magazine



Receive a monetary award of \$500 and a trophy/plaque

The League reserves the right not to award all prizes in any category.

For more information, please contact Eryn Alcorn at ealcorn@flcities.com.

Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4:00 PM

5. d.

Meeting Date: 01/15/2026

Re:

SUBJECT:

Council2College Scholarship - Deadline for entries is April 1, 2026

Attachments

2026 Council2College Scholarship

Council²College Scholarship

An essay contest sponsored by the Florida League of Cities

Submissions Due: April 1, 2026

ABOUT

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) **Council²College Scholarship** is an essay contest that assists Florida municipal youth council leaders who are pursuing post-high school education.

Two scholarship recipients will be selected:

First place will receive **\$500**; second place will receive **\$250**.

ELIGIBILITY

The FLC scholarship is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town, or village government that is a member of the FLC. The councils also must be active in the League's youth council programs.

Applicants must be graduating during the 2025-2026 school year.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judging criteria for the essay will be based on the applicant's response to the following instructions:

Participants in youth councils can often improve the likelihood of admission to college by demonstrating commitment, volunteer efforts, and leadership skills. Describe the most impactful experience you had on the youth council and how it has helped prepare you for college or a technical career institution.

The essay is to be no more than 750 words long.

Judging will be based entirely on the submitted entry. The judges' decision is final, and all material received becomes the property of the FLC, with permission to use it perpetually and universally, in any manner deemed appropriate by the League, with no additional compensation beyond the scholarship money presented to the winner.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be emailed to **Eryn Alcorn** at ealcorn@flcities.com by **April 1, 2026**.

Please type "Council2College Applicant" in the subject line. The applicant will receive a confirmation email. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The application must contain:

1 Completed Application Form

Completed scholarship application form located at the bottom of this page.

2 Letter of Recommendation

Letter from the youth council coordinator or city staff person who recommends the applicant for the award based on their activities as part of the youth council.

3 Student Essay: 750 words or fewer

Participants in youth councils can often improve the likelihood of admission to college by demonstrating commitment, volunteer efforts, and leadership skills. Describe the most impactful experience you had on the youth council and how it has helped prepare you for college or a technical career institution.

4 School Acceptance Letter

Acceptance letter from an accredited university, community college, or technical career institution.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in May 2026. *The League reserves the right not to award all prizes in any categories.*

Note: These youth councils are established by the city, town, or village and serve as an advisory board to the Commission/Council. They are composed of students from schools within the municipality.

COUNCIL2COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) Council2College Scholarship is open only to members of youth councils sponsored by a city, town, or village government that is a member of the FLC. The councils also must be active in the FLC's youth council programs.

Applicants must be graduating during the 2025-2026 school year.

Full Name: _____

Youth Council: _____ Years on Council: _____

Applicant's Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

College/Technical Career Institution of Choice: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Please email your completed scholarship application, along with your essay, letter of recommendation, and acceptance letter, to Eryn Alcorn at ealcorn@flcities.com by April 1, 2026. Please type "Council2College Applicant" in the subject line.

Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4:00 PM

5. e.

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Re:

SUBJECT:

Youth Community Listening Event discussion

Attachments

Flyer 1

Flyer 2

YOUTH COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION

Come out, state your opinion, ask questions, receive answers

February 12, 2025

Percy Peak Gymnasium
2902 Ave D, Fort Pierce, FL 34947



“LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD”

Youth Community Listening Session

February 12, 2026

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2902 Ave D, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

"let your voice be heard"
*Your Journey to change
Starts Here!*

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