



2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: Postmarked no later than March 21, 2024

Please consider before applying that CMYC is an extremely time-intensive commitment.

Application Requirements

(Any questions or concerns should be emailed to cmycouncil@gmail.com)

1. Contact & Information Form (Page 4 and 5)
2. A resumé that highlights all past and current leadership and service (i.e. clubs, sports, student gov., research, etc.) (Page 5)
3. A personal letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer, or supervisor (Page 6)
4. Typed answers to the essay questions (Page 6), in the same order as given
5. Current Commitment Sheet (Pages 7 and 8)
6. Parental & Student Agreement- on the last page of this packet (Page 9)
7. Please no staples, no double-sided application pages, and submit in type or in pen, no pencil.

Mail completed application in one envelope by March 21, 2024 to:

*Joshua Kirsh,
Re: CMYC Application
One Civic Square
Carmel, IN 46032*

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Application Timeline:

1. Upon receiving your application, it will be sent to the 2024-2025 selection committee. The selection committee consists of the current CMYC Executive Council and the two CMYC Advisors. This committee will determine the candidates to interview and will send you an email outlining your application status. You should receive an email from the selection committee no later than April 12th.
2. The interview candidates will schedule individual interviews with the selection committee. The interviews will take place in 15-minute segments and are required to complete the application process. These interviews are targeted to take place virtually the week of April 15th but are subject to change.
3. Final application decisions will be announced on May 24th via email.

Mission Statement

To empower the very best young adults of Carmel with unique leadership and service opportunities that aim to benefit the youth and the Carmel community as a whole.

A Glimpse

The Carmel Mayor's Youth Council, formed in 2010, is an initiative started by Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard to empower the youth community. The group consists of 25 to 35 high school students who wish to make a positive, tangible impact on the city during their time in high school. These students, with the support of local government and civic leaders, plan, organize and implement opportunities and events that allow youth to develop valuable and transferable leadership skills and organizational knowledge.

The Council has its own internal leadership structure and a majority of the

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operations are led solely by Council members. With the approval and support of the city government, the CMYC is able to take even the grandest ideas of its members, work collectively, and make them a reality.

However, with this amazing opportunity comes significant responsibility. Council members meet several times per month, work professionally with government and civic leaders, organize community events and projects, reflect on local events, and are expected to maintain a high order of conduct throughout the term. CMYC members share the vision of an active and empowered youth population.

Over the past year, the Council has set a foundation of leadership, service, and excellence. The 2024-2025 CMYC is focused on expanding upon that foundation by growing existing events and activities and exploring the formation of new opportunities. The Council is searching for ambitious, forward-minded youth who want a unique exposure to real-world experiences that make meaningful differences in their community.

What qualities are we looking for?

- ❖ Current or incoming high school student living in Carmel
- ❖ Ambition and vision
- ❖ Self-motivated; community-driven opportunities
- ❖ History of leadership, service, ambition, initiative
- ❖ Interpersonal communication and teamwork skills
- ❖ 5+ hours a week to dedicate to CMYC-related activities

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Contact and Information Form

(Please type or fill out using black or blue ink)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

2023-2024 School Year Grade/ Grade you will be entering: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Applicant's Cell Phone #: (_____) _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

School Attending Next School Year (2023-2024): _____

Weighted GPA (Cumulative): _____

How often do you check and respond to your personal email?

Minimum daily

A few times a week

Weekly

Monthly

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Have you applied to CMYC before: _____

If so, how many times and in what years have you applied:

[If you are skilled in a technical area (graphic design, photography, etc.), please attach any examples you'd like to be considered (keep it relatively brief)]

Resumé

Your resumé should include:

- ❖ A description of your talents and specialties (especially technical ones such as website design, graphic design, writing, etc.)
- ❖ A detailed description of school and community activities and your leadership roles
- ❖ A detailed description of volunteering, work, and internship experiences
- ❖ Any awards or other recognition

Your resumé should NOT:

- ❖ List individual classes and grades
- ❖ Be more than two pages
- ❖ Include anything prior to the last three years

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Letter of Recommendation

Your letter of recommendation should be from a trusted adult or peer who can attest to your leadership, responsibility, and motivation. Examples include: teacher, club sponsor, employer, volunteer supervisor, religious leader, etc.

Guidelines:

- It should NOT be from a relative
- **It needs to be included in your application package within a sealed envelope with the writer's signature over the seal**
- It must include the contact information of the writer
- Recommendations may also be emailed to Mr. Joshua Kirsh at jkirsh@carmel.in.gov

Short Answer Questions

Please provide concise answers to the following questions in a typed document, MLA style. Answers should show us your personality, character, interests, abilities, and initiative.

1. CMYC is built by its members. Why do you want to join our council and how do you hope to contribute? (250 words max)
2. Pick a movie or novel where the protagonist makes a difficult choice. Do you agree with the decision they made? Please explain. (250 words max)
3. Designing your name placard is a tradition at the CMYC that invites all forms of expression. Members promote city events or extracurricular groups, support social movements, celebrate their culture, and more. How would you design your placard, and why? (200 words max)
4. Which City of Carmel government official would you most like to have a conversation with and why? (125 words max)

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5. Which roundabout best represents you and why? (50 words max)
6. Find Sue. (25 words max)

Current Commitment Sheet

This form will allow the selection committee to determine applicants who are actively seeking to be involved in other extracurricular activities, can practice proper time management, and have the ability to take on further responsibility by joining CMYC. **Please only include your five most time-consuming activities for each season. Do not include homework. You do not have to fill all the slots.**

- ❖ **Examples include: Athletic commitments, school-sponsored clubs . . .**
- ❖ **Activities should help us to get to know you better as a potential member**

SUMMER	TOTAL HOURS/WEEK _____
ACTIVITY _____	HRS/WEEK _____
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INCLUDE ANY EXTENDED ACTIVITIES AND DATES BELOW (SUMMER CAMP, FAMILY TRIP, ETC.):

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FALL

TOTAL HOURS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____

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Parental & Student Agreement

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

- By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and accept the CMYC Bylaws (www.cmycouncil.com/archives).
- By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read ALL the bylaws in detail, particularly **bylaws 9.1-9.4** regarding attendance.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I understand that my child's participation and attendance at meetings, activities, and functions of the Carmel Mayor's Youth Council are of high importance. I support their participation in the Council, and understand the rigorous level of responsibility to which they are committing.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

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