



Ashburton Youth Council - *Striving for positive change*

APPLICATION FORM - 2019

The Ashburton District Council wishes to collect the following personal details for the purpose of application to the Ashburton Youth Council. This information will only be accessible to the Events Coordinator and a small selection group.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Next of kin (E.g. parent) _____ Phone: _____

What school or tertiary institution are you attending this year or are you in employment?

Why do you want to be a member of the Youth Council? _____

What are your interests and how do you believe you could contribute as a Youth Councillor?



Can you attend monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 4.00pm?

Yes No

Are you willing to support/assist with the organising and running of AYC events throughout the year?

Yes No

Do you have a reliable form of transport to get to and from meetings/events? (Please state intended transport method below)

Yes No

Transport method: _____

Please provide the names and contact details of two referees that can be contacted regarding your application.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your application.

Please return completed applications to:

Ashburton Youth Council



Ashburton
DISTRICT COUNCIL
c/ Ashburton District Council
PO Box 94
Ashburton 7740

Or email to:
Verity.Jackson@adc.govt.nz

ASHBURTON YOUTH COUNCIL

RECRUITMENT INFORMATION

Purpose

- To provide a forum and engage young people in Ashburton District Council's decision-making processes;
- To increase Council's understanding of young people's perspectives and needs.

Specifically the Youth Council will

- Engage young people in the Ashburton district to have a voice in decision making;
- Ensure the views of young people are canvassed and conveyed to Council including providing advice on or assistance with formal consultations being undertaken by Council;
- Promote the purpose of the Youth Council;
- Participate in youth focused and intergenerational events;
- Encourage pride in the Ashburton District.

Responsibilities

Members are required to

- Attend Youth Council meetings;
- Be available to attend other training and meetings that may occur;
- Pass Youth Council information onto their networks;
- Assist Ashburton District Council to canvass youth views;
- Promote inclusive principles and the Treaty of Waitangi;
- Read agendas, minutes and reports and come to meetings prepared.

In return for your commitment, Ashburton District Council will provide you with

- Training to fulfil your role as a youth councillor
- Opportunities to attend conferences/seminars
- Opportunities to be a youth representative on various working parties/project teams
- Opportunities to learn about local government

Membership

The Ashburton Youth Council will consist of

- A representative group of youth from years 10 to 13 from Mt Hutt College and Ashburton College;
- Other youth up to age 24 years;
- Youth who are committed to attending meetings regularly;
- Youth who have applied on the correct form and provided referees;

Selection Process

- Call for nominations of Youth Council members will be made towards the end of the current year
- Students from each secondary school, vocational or tertiary institution, youth organisation or community network will be invited to apply
- A panel comprising the two appointed District Councillors and the Community Development Advisor will consider the applications and appoint the Youth Councillors
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by post with the outcome of their application

Conduct

- Members of the Youth Council cannot in any way claim to represent the views of the Ashburton District Council
- Youth Councillors will be expected to conduct themselves appropriately when representing the Ashburton District Council
- Youth Councillors will be expected to conduct themselves appropriately on any personal social media accounts for the duration of their position on the Ashburton Youth Council
- Youth Councillors are expected to be accountable for their attendance of meetings eg notify chair of anticipated lateness or put an apology in for anticipated non-attendance before the monthly meeting.

Term of appointment

- Any young person appointed to the Youth Council shall be appointed for one year
- Current members will reapply annually
- If a Youth Council member resigns during the year, the Youth Council is able to co-opt new members of the Youth Council for the remainder of the year. Schools, community networks and youth organisations may be asked to recommend young people to be seconded to the Youth Council.

Community Meetings

- Community Boards can invite Youth Council representatives to attend meetings.