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DESTIN YOUTH COUNCIL

Application for Membership

The Youth Council is a City-supported council composed of high school aged youth from Destin. The Youth Council is an opportunity for youth to have a formal role in the city's planning and decision-making process.

Youth Council Members:

- Represent Destin youth on issues important to them.
- Identify ways to improve Destin for its youth.
- Act as an advisory board to Destin City Council.

Membership Criteria

- Applicants must live within the City Limits of Destin, or attend a local area high school (up to five members may be non-residents).
- Applicants must be between the grades of 9 and 12 with at least a 2.25 GPA.
- Terms shall be for one year.
- There will be no smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using illegal drugs by any member of the Destin Youth Council.
- Applicants must be willing to attend at least one meeting a month (see schedule at the end of application form).
- All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, gender, national origin, or disability.

How to Apply

1. Complete every section of this application.
2. Have your high school counselor complete and sign the GPA Verification Form.
3. Secure two completed, signed reference forms from non-relatives.
4. Return the original application, both references, and the GPA Verification Form to the City Clerk's Office before the deadline and obtain a receipt.

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City of Destin | 4200 Indian Bayou Trail | Destin, FL 32541 | (Attn: Office of the City Clerk)

Date: _____

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Current Grade:** _____

School: _____ **GPA:** _____

Parent / Guardian Information

Parent(s) First and Last Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Residency & Citizenship

How long have you lived in Destin? _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____

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1. How did you hear about the City's Youth Council?

2. List your interests & activities (hobbies, organizations, clubs, sports, positions held, etc.):

3. List up to three clubs, organizations, or sports programs in which you have participated during the last two years.

Name of School / Club / Organization / Sport	When Involved	What Was Your Role in the Activity?

Employment

Type of Work: _____

Period of Work: _____ **Hours per week:** _____

Name of Employer: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

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4. List any special recognition or honors for academic, school, religious, or community related activities you have received over the last two years.

5. If you could change anything about your community or school, what would it be and why?

6. Why do you want to serve on the City's Youth Council?

7. Are you willing to attend at least one Youth Council meeting per month? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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I hereby certify that the information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that provision of false information may disqualify my consideration. I understand that this application is only complete upon receipt of the Parental/Guardian Consent (below) and the GPA Verification Form signed by my school counselor. I understand that I will be considered for membership with all other applicants and that I may or may not be selected. If selected, I agree to attend meetings and events in a manner that brings honor and respect to the citizens of the City of Destin, and understand that I will be removed from membership for failure to do so.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I give permission for the above applicant to apply for the City of Destin Youth Council. If selected, I will support him/her in attending meetings and functions related to the Youth Council. PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIRED (unless the applicant has reached the age of majority). I further acknowledge that participation in this program is voluntary, and I agree to release the City of Destin and its employees, officials, and any individuals or organizations assisting or participating in the program from any and all claims for personal injuries and property damage which my child may suffer while participating as a member of the Destin Youth Council.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

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YOUTH COUNCIL REFERENCE #1

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Youth Council Applicant: *Two references must be completed by non-relatives.*

Reference: *Please include the following information about yourself so that we may contact you if necessary.*

Youth Council Applicant's Name: _____

Reference's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

1. Do you feel this applicant would make a good choice for Youth Council? Why or why not?

2. In what capacity do you know the applicant?

3. Any other information you would like to share regarding the applicant?

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Youth Council Applicant: *Two references must be completed by non-relatives.*

Reference: *Please include the following information about yourself so that we may contact you if necessary.*

Youth Council Applicant's Name: _____

Reference's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

1. Do you feel this applicant would make a good choice for Youth Council? Why or why not?

2. In what capacity do you know the applicant?

3. Any other information you would like to share regarding the applicant?

4. Why would you recommend the applicant for this position?

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CITY OF DESTIN
2025–2026 GPA VERIFICATION FORM

Section 1

To Be Completed by the Student

This form must be signed by your counselor or other school official, verifying your weighted GPA on a 4.00 scale. Please complete the information below and sign and date the release of information section. Ask your high school counselor to complete the remainder of the form and return it to you to include with your application.

Applicant's Full Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

High School Name: _____

Release of Information: I grant permission to release all information regarding my GPA to the City of Destin, as deemed necessary for consideration for membership to the Destin Youth Council.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Section 2

To Be Completed by the High School Counselor

Please provide the requested information below and return this form to the student so that he or she may submit it with the application.

High School Name: _____

The above named student has a cumulative weighted GPA on a 4.00 scale of: _____

Student's Current Grade Level: _____

Signature of Authorized Official: _____ **School Official's Title:** _____

Date: _____ **Phone:** _____

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IMPORTANT DATES

2026–27 Destin Youth Council

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

Monday, September 14, 2026

5 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS MEMBERS

Monday, September 21, 2026

6 p.m.

According to the Destin Youth Council Bylaws, meetings will be held once per month on the fourth Thursday of the month between the hours of 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Meetings are held at City Hall, 4200 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin, Florida.

2026–27 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Time	Notes
Thursday, September 24, 2026	4 p.m.	
Thursday, October 22, 2026	4 p.m.	
Thursday, November 19, 2026	4 p.m.	*Due to the Thanksgiving holiday*
Thursday, December 17, 2026	4 p.m.	*Due to the Christmas holiday*
Thursday, January 21, 2027	4 p.m.	
Thursday, February 25, 2027	4 p.m.	
Thursday, March 25, 2027	4 p.m.	
Thursday, April 22, 2027	4 p.m.	
Monday, May 17, 2027	6 p.m.	***Annual Report to City Council***