SOCORRO MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Youth Membership Application Form (Ages 14–18)

"United Independent Young Voices for Change"

Purpose: SMYAC provides young people of all of Socorro and Socorro ISD an opportunity to have a voice, make an impact, learn about local government, participate in civic activities and encourage youth involvement by representing their main area of interest and positively impacting their local community.

1. Applicant Information

Full name:	**Preferred name:**
Date of birth:	**Age:**
Home address:	**City/ZIP:**
Youth phone:	**Youth email** (Not School):
School:	**Current grade level:**
Parent/guardian name:	**Parent/guardian phone and email:**

2. Application

Please include the following in one PDF alongside this completed document:

- **Letter of Intent** – Answering "Why would you like to join SMYAC?", "What issues affecting Socorro youth are most important to you?", "What is your main area of interest or position you're applying for?", and "Why are you the best candidate?"
- **Resume** – Must include any school, volunteer, leadership, work, or community activities and GPA
- **One Letter of Recommendation** (from non-family members)

3. Positions

SMYAC representatives are responsible for identifying real challenges in the city within their assigned area of interest and advocating youth-led solutions directly to city leadership through community projects. The Chair and Vice Chair represent the general city area and must go through an interview process in addition to application.

The following are the positions in areas of interest available:

- ❑ Vice Chair
- ❑ Community Wellness and Health Representative
- ❑ Infrastructure and Planning Representative
- ❑ Environment, Recreation, and Public Works Representative
- ❑ Public Relations and Multimedia Representative
- ❑ Entrepreneurship and Business Representative
- ❑ Cultural, Arts, and Historic Preservation Representative
- ❑ Legal and Civic Engagement Representative

- ❑ Public Safety Representative
- ❑ Schools and Education Representative
- ❑ Community Center and Service Representative

3. Applicant Commitment

If selected, I agree to:

☐ Attend meetings and activities regularly and notify the coordinator if I cannot attend.

☐ Complete my assigned duties

☐ Respect the views of others in my team as well as those I'm representing

☐ Treat other members, City staff, elected officials, and the public respectfully.

☐ Follow City rules and represent SMYAC responsibly in person and online.

☐ Avoid bullying, harassment, discrimination, threats, alcohol, illegal drugs, and disruptive conduct.

☐ Tell the coordinator about any conflict of interest or safety concern.

I understand that applying does not guarantee selection, service is voluntary and unpaid, and membership may be ended for failure to meet attendance or conduct expectations.

Youth signature:	**Date:**

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

4. Permission to Participate

I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant named above. I give permission for my child to apply for and, if selected, participate in SMYAC meetings, service projects, City events, and related local activities. I understand that participation is voluntary and unpaid. The City will provide notice when a separate permission form or special arrangements are needed for an activity.

☐ YES — I give permission for my child to participate.

☐ NO — I do not give permission for my child to participate.

5. Emergency Contact and Medical Information

Emergency contact name:	**Relationship:**
Primary phone:	**Alternate phone:**
Allergies/medical conditions staff should know:	**Medications or special instructions:**

If I cannot be reached during an emergency, I authorize City staff to contact emergency medical services and share the information above with emergency responders. I authorize emergency evaluation and treatment considered reasonably necessary by licensed medical personnel. I understand that I am responsible for medical costs not covered by insurance.

6. Transportation

Routine transportation to and from SMYAC meetings is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and participant. The City will provide separate information or permission when City-arranged transportation is offered for an activity.

7. Optional Photo, Video, and Social Media Permission

Please select one. Declining permission will not affect the applicant's consideration or membership.

☐ YES — I authorize the City of Socorro to photograph, record, and use my child's name, image, voice, and statements for lawful City communications, including the City's website, social media, newsletters, press releases, presentations, and promotional materials, without payment.

☐ NO — I do not authorize the City to intentionally identify or feature my child in City photographs, recordings, or social media posts.

The City will make reasonable efforts to honor this choice. Public meetings and community events may also be photographed or recorded by news media, attendees, or other third parties outside the City's control.

8. Records and Information Notice

This application will be maintained by the City and may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act. The City will protect or withhold information when required or permitted by law. Do not provide a Social Security number. Emergency and medical information will be used only for program administration and safety, to the extent permitted by law.

9. Parent/Guardian Certification

I certify that the information provided is accurate. I have reviewed this application with my child, understand the participation expectations, and agree to notify the City if contact or medical information changes.

Parent/guardian printed name:	**Relationship:**
Parent/guardian signature:	**Date:**
Best phone number:	**Email:**