

# Collin County Youth Leadership Council

## County Judge Chris Hill



### About the Collin County Youth Leadership Council

The Collin County Youth Leadership Council offers high school students in Collin County a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn about county government, discuss local policy issues, and interact with their elected officials about local government and issues facing their community.

#### Program

- Saturday, October 22, 2022, 8:30am-12:00pm @ the Collin County Jack Hatchell Administration Building, McKinney
- Saturday, January 7, 2023, 8:30am-12:00pm @ the Collin County Detention Center, McKinney
- Saturday, February 4, 2023, 8:30am-12:00pm @ the Collin County Russell Steindam Courthouse, McKinney
- Session 4 Date TBD @ the Texas State Capitol, Austin

#### Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Must reside in Collin County.
- ✓ Must be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2022/2023 academic year.
- ✓ Must be able to attend the first three program events in Collin County. The fourth program event is an optional group trip to the Texas State Capitol in Austin. Parents are responsible for transportation to Austin.

#### Application Process

Students must return their completed applications no later than Friday, September 30. Completed applications may be mailed to the office of Collin County Judge Chris Hill, 2300 Bloomdale Road, McKinney, Texas 75071, or emailed to Hilari Monk at [hmonk@co.collin.tx.us](mailto:hmonk@co.collin.tx.us).

**Applications Due September 30, 2022**

#### Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed application (find the application online at [www.chrishill.us/youth\\_leadership\\_council.pdf](http://www.chrishill.us/youth_leadership_council.pdf))
- ☐ Personal statement essay, limited to 250 words. Tell us about yourself, your interests, goals for the future, what you hope to learn from the program, etc. Limit to one page.
- ☐ Current photo of applicant (for identification purposes only)
- ☐ A letter of recommendation from an individual who can attest to the student's character and interest in government. The letter should not be written by an immediate family member.

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### Application

Name (First Middle Last)		Date of Birth	
Parent or Guardian Name (First Middle Last)		Parent Mobile Phone	
Student Email	Home Phone	Student Mobile Phone	
Street Address	City	Zip	
Name of High School	School District	Grade for 2022/2023 School Year	Cumulative GPA
List all clubs and activities, including leadership positions.			

**Remember to include with your application: Personal Statement Essay, Current Photo of Applicant, Letter of Recommendation**

*I certify that the information on this application and any additional material submitted are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed the meeting dates for the Collin County Youth Leadership Council and I am able to attend all three required meetings.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby give my consent for my child to participate in the Collin County Youth Leadership Council and understand the time commitment required for this program.*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the program schedule?

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#### How are students selected for the program?

Students are selected based on the information provided in their application, including the one-page essay. We try to accommodate as many students as possible, and high school seniors are given priority.

#### What is the dress code for the program?

Conservative, business casual attire must be worn at all program events.

- No shirts with obscene or provocative words or pictures (e.g., no alcohol advertisements, etc.).
- No low cut or tight-fitting clothing. No shorts or short skirts.
- No opened-toe shoes, sandals, or flip flops. Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- No caps or hats.
- No tobacco products or cameras will be allowed inside the secured perimeter of the detention center.
- No personal items such as bags, purses, or backpacks will be allowed inside the secured perimeter of the detention center facility. Students may leave personal items in the classroom during the tour.

#### Are parents allowed to attend?

Yes, parents are welcome to attend all program events. Parents and students must complete a liability waiver form to attend the detention center tour.

#### Are breakfast or lunch included?

Breakfast and lunch are not provided for the three events in McKinney. Lunch will be provided at Session 4 in Austin.

#### Is transportation to Austin included?

No. The final session at the Texas State Capitol is optional, and parents are responsible for transportation to Austin.

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### Collin County (YOUTH) Liability Waiver & Media Release Form

WHEREAS, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, hereinafter "COUNTY," consents and agrees to permit \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter "YOUTH," to participate in the Collin County Youth Leadership Council, as well as any activities related thereto, and \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or guardian of YOUTH, hereinafter "PARENT or GUARDIAN," consents to YOUTH participating in the Collin County Youth Leadership Council and any activities related thereto.

NOW, THEREAFTER, for and in good consideration of the premises and the mutual promises and agreements set forth in this Agreement, the COUNTY, PARENT or GUARDIAN, and YOUTH agree that the COUNTY, its agents or employees, shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be SAVED AND HELD HARMLESS by PARENT or GUARDIAN and YOUTH from and against any and all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims, or liability of any character, type of description, including all expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorney fees for injury or death of any person, or injury to any property received or sustained by any person or persons or property, arising out of, or occasioned by, directly or indirectly, the participation of YOUTH in the Collin County Youth Leadership Council or any activities related thereto, including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence of the COUNTY, its agents or employees.

It is the expressed intent of the parties to this Agreement that the INDEMNITY provided for in the Agreement is an INDEMNITY extended by PARENT or GUARDIAN and YOUTH to INDEMNIFY and protect the COUNTY from the consequences of the COUNTY'S own negligence, whether that negligence is the sole or contributory cause of the resultant injury, death or damage.

It is further understood and agreed that the YOUTH will participate solely as an individual on a voluntary basis and not as an employee, contractor or agent of Collin County, Texas or its agents or employees.

I hereby grant permission to Collin County, the Collin County Youth Leadership Council, and Collin County Judge Chris Hill to use and reproduce my (or my child's) image, likeness, voice, and name in print publications, web sites, and on social media. I hereby waive and release on behalf of myself (or my child), any rights to compensation for, or ownership of, such images and/or sounds.

In making this agreement, PARENT or GUARDIAN and YOUTH rely wholly upon their own judgment, belief and knowledge and have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever by any representations or statements not contained in this Agreement.

WITNESS our hands in testament of our agreement and understanding of the above:

**YOUTH**

**PARENT or GUARDIAN (if YOUTH is under 18 years old)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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### Collin County Sheriff's Office & Detention Facility (YOUTH) Liability Waiver

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a person who is 18 years of age or older, authorize my child, who is a minor, to tour the Collin County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility. I am the legal guardian of this person. I understand that Collin County, the Collin County Sheriff's Office, their employees, agents and assigns, will assume no liability of any kind at all for any personal injuries, death, or property damage or any other claim that may be sustained by my child while in any facility or any property owned by Collin County. I understand that Collin County holds in their custody individuals who are suspected of, or have been convicted of, committing both misdemeanor and/or felony level crimes.

I also understand that by allowing my child to enter the jail I could be putting the safety of my child in jeopardy should an incident occur in this facility during the tour.

***I understand that by my signature below I am waiving and abandoning any and all legal rights I may have to sue on any basis, including but not limited to claims or causes of actions, negligence, fault or failure to exercise ordinary care on the part of the employee with whom my child may accompany on Collin County owned facilities or property.***

I understand that the employee will be performing his/her duties without regard to the presence of my child, and that my child will be entering into secured areas where inmates are housed, and that among the risks are possibilities of the use of weapons or chemical sprays by employees of the Sheriff's Office or others, assaults, exposure to bodily fluids or unknown persons, exposure to air contaminants in an enclosed correctional facility, exposure to inmate conduct and language which may be construed as obscene, vulgar or otherwise inappropriate.

I hereby release Collin County and its officials from any liability should my child be involved in any type of incident or if he/she should receive any type of injury or property damage or loss.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAIVER BINDS MY HEIRS AND ASSIGNS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

WITNESS our hands in testament of our agreement and understanding of the above:

**YOUTH**

**PARENT or GUARDIAN**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of witness \_\_\_\_\_

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### Collin County Sheriff's Office & Detention Facility (ADULT) Liability Waiver

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a person who is 18 years of age or older. I understand that Collin County, the Collin County Sheriff's Office, their employees, agents and assigns, will assume no liability of any kind at all for any personal injuries, death, or property damage or any other claim that may be sustained by my child while in any facility or any property owned by Collin County. I understand that Collin County holds in their custody individuals who are suspected of, or have been convicted of, committing both misdemeanor and/or felony level crimes.

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#### PARTICIPANT

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of witness \_\_\_\_\_