

Kerrville Area Youth Leadership Academy (KAYLA) Class of 2023-2024

The Kerrville Area Youth Leadership Academy (KAYLA) will develop youth leaders committed to learning about local government and provide an overview of the complexity and variety of opportunities available through public service.

Eligibility:

- Kerr County resident & currently enrolled in 9th – 12th grade for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Must complete the KAYLA application in full and provide a letter of reference from their principal or nominating teacher.
- Must have a valid email address and must check the email address often. Notification of meetings will be sent via email to all KAYLA members.
- Must not have previously served as a member of KAYLA. Membership limited to one year.

Attendance Requirement:

Due to limited enrollment, attendance is very important. KAYLA members must be committed to attend all meetings and participate in at least one volunteer opportunity offered by the City. By signing the application, you commit to the following:

- Be on time for each KAYLA meeting. Meetings will start promptly at 4:30 pm.
- Stay for the duration of meeting – do not leave early. Meetings will end no later than 5:30 pm.
- Contact the Staff Liaison, at least 24 hours in advance, by email or text if you are unable to attend a KAYLA meeting for any reason.
 - Excused absences include: school activities and family emergencies. Must contact the Staff Liaison at least 24 hours in advance (if possible) to be considered for an excused absence - verification may be required.
 - More than three absences will constitute removal from the program. Please understand, there are only seven meetings. Please review the attached schedule to ensure there won't be an ongoing conflict with your school or activity schedule.

Term of Membership: One School Year (October – May)

Number of Members: Maximum of Ten

Regular Meeting Time: Second Thursday of each month (October – April) from 4:30-5:30pm

Regular Meeting Place: Kerrville City Hall, 701 Main St., Kerrville, TX 78028

Staff Liaison:

Megan Folkerts, Senior Management Analyst
City of Kerrville, 701 Main Street, Kerrville, TX 78028
Ph. 830-258-1113 Email: megan.folkerts@kerrvilletx.gov

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Application

Please type or print

Name:	Current Grade:
School:	
Home Address:	
City:	Zip:
Cell Phone:	
Email Address:	

Informational Questionnaire

1. Why should you be selected to be a member of KAYLA?

2. What do you hope to accomplish if you are selected to be a member of KAYLA?

3. Please list three special awards or recognitions that you are most proud of receiving.

4. After graduating from high school, what are your academic and/or career goals?

Acknowledgement

Student's Signature:

Date:

Principal or Nominating Teacher's Signature:

I recommend this student for membership in KAYLA and believe that he/she has the ability to serve in a responsible manner.

Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature:

I give permission for my child to be considered for membership of KAYLA and consent to participation in all related activities including travel by vehicle to other City sites. By signing this application, I agree to allow the use of my child's name and photograph for promotional purposes of this program.

Date:

*Please return completed application to Megan Folkerts at megan.folkerts@kerrvilletx.gov
no later than 9/1/2023.*

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Date	Event	
August 14, 2023	Applications Open	
September 1, 2023	Applications Close	
September 12, 2023	Committee Members Appointed by City Council	
KAYLA Meets the 2nd Thursday of Each Month 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm		
October 12, 2023	4:30 pm	Welcome, Meet the Mayor & City Manager
<i>October 31, 2023</i>	<i>5:30-8 pm</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity – Family Fright Night</i>
November 9, 2023	4:30 pm	Overview of Parks & Recreation Department
<i>November 18, 2023</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity – Holiday Lighted Parade</i>
December 14, 2023	4:30 pm	Overview of Fire Department with Tour
<i>December 9, 2023</i>	<i>12:30-1:30 2:30-3:30</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity – Gingerbread House Decorating - BHML</i>
January 11, 2024	4:30 pm	Overview of Public Works Department with Tour- Water Production
February 2024 <i>*Date TBD*</i>	TBD	Annual Texas Youth Advisory Commission Summit *Location TBD* ***Optional***
February 8, 2024	4:30 pm	Overview of Various City Department Functions
<i>February 2024</i>	<i>5-8pm</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity – Daddy/Daughter Dance</i>
March 14, 2024	4:30 pm	Overview of Police Department with Tour
April 11, 2024	4:30 pm	Library Campus Tour (Library, History Center, A.C. Schreiner House)
<i>May 2024</i>	<i>5-8pm</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity - Mother/Son Dance</i>
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	6:00 pm	Recognition at City Council Meeting

Schedule for other volunteer opportunities will be available soon.