



Thank you for your interest in the Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council!

The Abbeville Mayors' Youth Council (AMYC) was formed in 2024, and is a coalition of students dedicated to representing the youth of Vermilion Parish. This program is open to students in grades 8–12 who live or attend a school within the parish. As a Youth Council member, you will represent your peers, learn about local government, and engage in community service and leadership opportunities.

Before applying to become a member, please read the below and attached tentative schedule so you understand the attendance and service requirements.

Meetings are typically held during the second week of each month starting in October. They are generally held at Abbeville City Hall, unless otherwise noted in the program schedule.

Through meetings, members may hear from leaders in various roles of municipal government, local businesses and non-profit organizations, to learn about leadership qualities and the importance of community service.

Volunteering at city sponsored events is part of AMYC, through events members gain knowledge of what goes into the event as well as have an opportunity to serve the community.

Requirements

Members are expected to attend two-thirds of all monthly Youth Council meetings, at least one regular Abbeville City Council meeting, and actively volunteer at city-sponsored events.

Absences will only be excused in the case of school-related functions (with prior notice), personal illness, or family emergencies. Members must communicate all absences directly with the AMYC Coordinator in advance, either by email or through the Remind app



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2025-2026 Tentative Meeting Schedule

June 2	AMYC Applications Open
August 31	AMYC Application Deadline
Week of September 8	AMYC Acceptance Letters Sent Out Via Email
Week of September 29 TBA	AMYC Ice Breaker Social + Mayor Welcome Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
October 21 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - Swearing-In Ceremony + Program Overview Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
November 13 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
December 11 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
January 15 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - Voter & Election Process with Tina Broussard Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
February 12 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
March 12 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
April 16 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
May 14 4:30pm	AMYC Meeting - City & Nonprofit Partnerships with VRG Abbeville City Hall 101 N State Street
June 2026 TBA	End-Of-Year TBA

All Dates Are Tentative and Subject to Change



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2025-2026 City Sponsored Event Schedule

September 20, 2025	Vermilion Reach Uniquely U AA Comeaux
October 3-5, 2025	Cattle Festival Downtown Abbeville
October 11, 2025	Grand Reveil Acadien Downtown Abbeville
October 31, 2025	JA Jack-O-Latern Jubilee Downtown Abbeville
November 1-2, 2025	Giant Omelette Celebration Downtown Abbeville
December 4, 2025	Abbeville Christmas Stroll Downtown Abbeville
December 13, 2025	Abbeville Cajun Christmas Downtown Abbeville
December 19, 2025	JA Holidays in the Square Downtown Abbeville
January 19, 2026	MLK Day Celebration Downtown Abbeville
March 21, 2026	Sicilian Celebration & Art Expo Downtown Abbeville
March 28, 2026	Spirit Fest Downtown Abbeville
April 18-26, 2026	Love the Boot Week
April 2026 TBA	The Math Depot's City Clean - Up Day Details to Come

These events are volunteer opportunities currently on the city calendar, more events will pop up throughout the year.



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2025-2026 Membership Application

Complete and return this application by August 31, 2025

Applications are open to all Vermilion Parish students who will be in grades 8-12 beginning in the fall of 2025. Please complete this application and submit it along with one (1) letter of recommendation (from a teacher, counselor, coach, pastor, or community leader). Send your completed application to clejeune@cityofabbeville.net, or mail to Abbeville City Hall Attn: AMYC Membership 101 N State Street Abbeville, LA 70510

Returning members do not have to have a recommendation form on page 4 completed.

***All sections must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered**

Please check one: ☐ I am a NEW Applicant ☐ I am a RETURNING Member

Name:			
Email Address			
Home Address:		Zip	
School Attending:		Grade:	
Phone Number:		Secondary Number:	
Shirt Size	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:		

Please answer the following questions: Answers can be added below or attached on a separate sheet of paper.

Community/School Activities

- 1.) List your involvement in any school or community activities you have actively participated (clubs, sports, volunteer work, leadership roles, etc.).

Your Interest in the Mayor's Youth Council:

- 2.) Why do you want to be part of the AMYC? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

- 3.) What unique experiences, background, or perspectives would you bring to the Youth Council? Why is that important?

I, the undersigned, agree to uphold all responsibilities of membership and to conduct myself in a manner that reflects positively on the Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council (AMYC). I further commit to abiding by all guidelines and to actively participating in AMYC activities, including meetings, projects, and volunteer opportunities.

Applicant Signature

Date



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Parental Authorization

2025-2026

Parent/Guardian Name (First & Last):	
Relationship to Applicant (Mother, Father, Legal Guardian):	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Would you like to be included in all AMYC-related correspondence? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

My signature below certifies that my child, _____, has my full permission to join the Abbeville Mayors' Youth Council (AMYC) and participate in AMYC-related activities. I have read and understand the meeting attendance and volunteer requirements for the 2025-2026 school year, and will support my child. I also understand the importance of my child checking AMYC-related emails and messages, and will encourage my child to personally respond* to such emails in a timely manner.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

***Note to Parents:** AMYC strives to cultivate members' leadership qualities, including accountability and self-reliance. Therefore, we ask that all members personally respond to all AMYC-related emails and messages. If you have any questions regarding member requirements, please contact Cristian LeJeune at 337-267-6481.



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Letter of Recommendation Instructions

2025-2026

Remember you are required to submit a letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult. The reference should be someone familiar with you and who serves as an advisor/leader of a school and/or community-related organization or club you have participated in. (from a teacher, counselor, coach, pastor, or community leader)

Reference:

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of an applicant for the Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council. Your honest insight will help us better understand the candidate's character, leadership potential, and readiness to serve their community. All responses will remain confidential and used solely for the selection process.

Please use the following prompts to guide your letter:

1.Relationship to the Applicant

Briefly explain how you know the applicant and how long you've known them.

2.Character and Values

What qualities do you most respect or admire in the applicant?

3.Leadership Potential

Share any examples of leadership traits or behaviors you have personally observed.

4.Dependability and Initiative

Describe the applicant's reliability, motivation, and ability to take initiative in tasks or responsibilities.

5.Additional Insight

Is there anything else you believe we should know about the applicant that speaks to their potential to contribute positively to the Youth Council?

We sincerely appreciate your time and thoughtful input. Your recommendation plays a valuable role in shaping the future of our community by helping us select dedicated and capable youth leaders. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the AMYC Coordinator at 337-267-6481.