



2026-2027 Ridgeland Mayor's Youth Council Application

I appreciate your interest in the Mayor's Youth Council. Please complete and return this application along with two letters of recommendation and the answers to the below questions.

Completed applications can be hand delivered to Mayor Gene McGee, Ridgeland City Hall, 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157, or email to mayor.mcgee@ridgelandms.org.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Cell: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Student's Email: _____

Mother: _____

(Name) (Cell Phone) (Email Info)

Father: _____

(Name) (Cell Phone) (Email Info)

Instagram: _____

I live in ward _____. My alderman is _____.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. What is your current accumulative GPA?

Short Answer Questions: On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions in a typed document to be attached to the application.

1. The 2025-2026 Mayor's Youth Council launched the Worth a Listen initiative to raise awareness about youth mental health. Why do you believe mental health is an important issue for today's students, and what role can young people play in supporting one another?
2. If selected for the Mayor's Youth Council, what ideas would you bring to help expand the Worth a Listen initiative and make a positive impact on students in Ridgeland?
3. What unique talents, skills, or interests would you bring to the Mayor's Youth Council? (This could include social media, photography, videography, graphic design, marketing, public speaking, event planning, leadership, or other areas that could help promote Council activities and initiatives.)
4. What do you hope to get out of being a member of the Mayor's Youth Council?

Letters of recommendation, applications, and answers must be turned in together. The 2026-2027 Council will be announced in early September. If you have questions concerning the application, contact Lisa Walters, Chief of Staff to Mayor McGee, at 601-856-7113 or email lisa.walters@ridgelandms.org. The application is **due by September 1, 2026**. If selected, the orientation/pizza party will be on September 20th.

Student Signature: I understand being a part of the Mayor's Youth Council is an honor. I agree to always conduct myself as a representative of the City of Ridgeland.

Student Signature / Date

DATE: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: I give my permission for the above applicant to seek a position on the Mayor's Youth Council and I have read and understand the commitments required for the council.

Parent Signature / Date

DATE: _____