



City of Riverbank

Youth Council Application

2025-2026 Term (September-May)

Dear Applicant:

The City of Riverbank is looking for dynamic, outgoing, and exceptional students in grades 9th – 12th, from Riverbank to serve on The Riverbank Youth Council. The Youth Council will advise the Mayor, Council, and City Staff on the perspectives of young people within the community. The purpose of the Youth Council is to compliment academic studies by increasing knowledge in local government while providing hands-on opportunities to work directly with local government officials and City Staff to implement positive changes within Riverbank. Initiatives may include; Youth Council bylaws, environmental awareness projects and community service programs.

Why should you serve on the Youth Council? To make your voice heard and make a difference in your local community. You will be able to experience first-hand the processes of local government and make a name for yourself, your school, your city, even your state! The vision for The City of Riverbank Youth Council, is to empower caring youth dedicated to personal development and servant leadership.

If you are interested in applying for membership to the council, please complete the following application. Please print clearly in blue or black ink. The entire application must be complete by the due date in order to be considered for the position. This will be an excellent learning experience and we look forward to receiving your application!

Disclaimer: The position you are applying for is competitive and will require active involvement along with serious commitments throughout the school year, with at least **one meeting** per month and school and community events. Students **MUST 1) Reside in Riverbank or 2) Attend a School in Riverbank.** A stipend of \$25 Per meeting (Maximum of 2 meetings a month) will be paid to each appointed Youth Council member. * Meal Included at each meeting. * Scholarship Opportunity at the end of a completed term.

**COMPLETE APPLICATION DUE:
Friday, August 22, 2025 @ 12:00pm
INTERVIEWS: Saturday, August 30th, 2025**

Applicant Information

Full Name:

Date of Birth: _____

Grade (in Fall 2025) [9th / 10th / 11th / 12th]:

School Attending:

Home Address, City, State, Zip:

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Eligibility Confirmation (either option makes you eligible)

I reside in the City of Riverbank

I attend a school located within the City of Riverbank

Short Answer Questions

1. Why are you interested in serving on the City of Riverbank Youth Council?

2. What strengths or skills will you bring to the Youth Council?

3. What issues in your community are important to you and why?

4. What extracurricular activities, sports, jobs, or volunteer work are you currently involved in?

5. Are you able to commit to attending monthly meetings and participating throughout the school year? [Yes / No]

Recommendation

Please have a teacher, coach, or school counselor complete the recommendation letter on the next page, must be attached. The applicant should be a student who is driven, self-motivated, and a positive influence for his/her peers.

Name of Recommender: _____

Title/Position: _____

School: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Recommendation Letter Attached: Yes

Parent/Guardian Consent

I, the parent/guardian of the above applicant, give permission for my child to apply and, if selected, participate in the City of Riverbank Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

Student Agreement

If selected, I agree to actively participate in the Youth Council and attend all scheduled meetings.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION CONTACT:**

**GABRIELA HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
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RIVERBANK, CA 95367
EMAIL: GHERNANDEZ@RIVERBANK.ORG PHONE: 209-863-7122**

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APPLICATION RECEIVED BY: _____

DATE: _____

Recommendation Letter

Note to teachers, counselors, coaches, recommenders: please place recommendation form in a sealed and signed envelope!

_____, is applying to serve on The City of Riverbank Youth Council.

Please briefly comment on the students:

Work Habits:

Attitude:

Interpersonal Relations:

Please rate the student on his/her:

<u>Qualities</u>	<u>Scale</u>	
_____ Timeliness/Attendance	5 = Excellent	2 = Fair
_____ Dependability	4 = Very Good	1 = Poor
_____ Ability to Take Initiative	3 = Average	0 = Unknown

Additional Comments/Concerns:

Signature: _____

Date: _____