

CITY OF PERRY

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Empowering Youth to Lead, Learn, and Make a Difference in Perry

The Perry Youth Advisory Council (PYAC) is a leadership program that connects high school students with local government and provides opportunities to develop civic knowledge, leadership skills, and community involvement.

Our Mission

The mission of the Perry Youth Advisory Council is to engage Perry's youth in civic life, grow future leaders, and provide a platform for student voices to shape the future of our community.



“Being part of the Youth Council showed me that **my voice matters**—and that even as a student, I can help **shape the future of our city.**”

Ava Garrett
PYAC Member 2023-2024

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Rylee Arbogast

PYAC Member 2024-2025 

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[perry-ga.gov/
pyac](https://perry-ga.gov/pyac)

Applications for 2025-2026 are available beginning July 2025.

Students should apply by filling out the required Interest Application by scanning the QR code or navigating to the link provided.

Who's Eligible?

- Students who are enrolled in a Perry area school (Perry High, Veterans High, The Westfield School, or homeschooled).
- Students who are 16-18 years old.
- Students who can commit to serving a one-year term (2025-2026).



 **The Perry Youth Advisory Council will consist of 7 members.**

THE COMMITMENT

PYAC offers students a chance to learn how local government works, meet city leaders, and participate in meaningful projects that impact our community.

They leave with a sense of belonging and value within the community.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held **once a month** from September to April.

TIME

All meetings are held in the evenings from **5 - 6:30 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Members **must** attend **6 out of the 8** meetings to receive a certificate.



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS**



**PUBLIC SAFETY &
EMERGENCY SERVICES**



**CITY PLANNING &
ZONING**



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
SMALL BUSINESS**



SPECIAL EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



CITY GREENSPACE & SUSTAINABILITY



LEADERSHIP & CIVIC PARTICIPATION



Through interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and direct access to city leaders, PYAC members explore topics like local government operations, public safety, zoning, sustainability, and more.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

As a PYAC member, you'll engage in real-world experiences that build your leadership and connect you to the heart of city government.

Attend Meetings

Learn **directly** from City staff and leaders while **participating** in monthly interactive sessions.

Participate In Projects

Get involved in **community service** and help at local events like Food Truck Fridays or festivals.

Present Ideas

Propose ideas to your peers and Perry City Council that support youth and community needs.

Go Behind the Scenes

Tour city departments and **discover how Perry operates** - from planning and zoning to public safety.



Jayden Brown
PYAC Member 2023-2024

Avery Radcliff
PYAC Member 2023-2024

Maggie Bell
PYAC Member 2023-2024

 **Perry Buzzard Drop**
Perry's 200th Birthday Ribbon Cutting



 Meetings



 Event Volunteer



 Present Ideas



 Behind The Scenes

BENEFITS OF JOINING

Beyond the meetings and projects, PYAC offers real benefits that support your growth in school, your future career, and your community.



- 📍 GAIN LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK, AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- 📍 MEET PEERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
- 📍 EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS AND A CERTIFICATE
- 📍 RECEIVE A RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR COLLEGE OR JOBS
- 📍 MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN YOUR HOMETOWN

PARENT

KICK-OFF MEETING

Before the program begins, a mandatory Parent/Guardian Kick-Off Meeting will be held in August.

What This Meeting Covers

- ✓ Overview of the PYAC program and what to expect
- ✓ Review of the meeting schedule and attendance expectations
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities of students and guardians
- ✓ Signing of required waivers, agreements, and permission forms
- ✓ Q&A opportunity with program staff

Who Needs to Attend

- ✓ **All students** selected for PYAC
- ✓ A **parent** or **legal guardian** **must** attend with the student

The exact date and time of the Parent/Guardian Kick-Off Meeting will be shared after participant selections are finalized.

PROGRAM LEADERS

Tabitha Clark, APR

Communications Director



Amber Howell

Communications Specialist

STAY in touch!

The City of Perry is proud to offer a variety of ways you can stay in touch with us!

There are several ways to receive relevant and timely information from your local government.

How we communicate:



perry-ga.gov/communications



PERRY POINTS

Text message service to ask questions, submit work requests, send a message to staff, and sign up for text alert notifications.

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Those who like information sent directly to their mobile phone or frequently use text to communicate.



PERRY PREVIEW

Monthly newsletter sent to your email. Includes occasional e-blasts with information about a particular subject or event.

BEST FOR

Those who like to receive non-urgent information in their email once a month.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The City of Perry is on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Find the links in the QR code above.

BEST FOR

Those who use social media for news and to connect with others.



INSIDE PERRY PODCAST

Get an inside look at Perry, Georgia's local government. Episodes are short and cover topics you want to know about.

BEST FOR

Those interested in a casual conversation about Perry's latest happenings and topics.

The Communications Office also facilitates Perry University & the Perry Youth Advisory Council. Visit perry-ga.gov/communications for more information.



Where *Georgia* Comes Together

