

We are excited for this year's Youth Council! The youth in Bluffdale are such amazing kids!

Please fill out the 2025/26 Roster google form. **We will NOT be tracking your attendance unless you fill out the form.** That means if you don't fill out the form and decide to attend any travel opportunities you will be paying 100 percent of the cost even if you have been participating in Youth Council meetings and events.

Purpose of tracking attendance.

1. Tracking hours is one of the ways that we get grant money from organizations to be able to fund and participate in many opportunities.
2. At the end of the fiscal year you will know the amount of time that you have dedicated to Bluffdale City Youth Council. This can be beneficial for resumes, job applications, college applications etc.
3. If you meet attendance hours criteria you can have portions of the cost for travel opportunities covered by Youth Council funds.

Type of hours that will be tracked.

Meetings - There are monthly youth council meetings. For a total of 12 each year. Attendance at meetings is important since that is where we plan upcoming events. If you are unable to attend you should look at the meeting minutes that will be posted on the Bluffdale City website to be informed.

Service and Events - One of the purposes of Youth Council is to serve our community. We have many opportunities to participate in Youth Council events. We have classified them in two types, Essential Events and Other Events.

Essential Events - These are events where we need to have a lot of participation. They are typically events hosted by Bluffdale City. Please try to attend them if it is possible. Each event will earn a minimum of 1 hour of service hours (often you can earn much more).

July - Bluffdale City Rodeo

August - Bluffdale Old West Days

October - Trunk or Treat

December - Santa and the Lights

January - Bingo Night

February - Youth Council Dance

May - Love Where You Live

Other Events - These are events where a more limited number of youth are needed. We will have sign ups to participate in them. These are a great way to make up service hours if you are unable to participate in some of the essential events.

Examples of other events we have done in the past are Easter Egg Hunt, Little Miss Bluffdale Tea Party, Clean up at Summit Academy Fall Fest, Mt. Point Fun Run, etc

Training and Conferences, Tours etc - Another purpose of Youth Council is to provide leadership opportunities and training for our members. These are not required but are wonderful opportunities to learn skills and to learn about our communities.

A few that we typically participate in are: Day of Legislation (Jan), USU Youth Council Conference (March) and TLT Design Team (May).

Attendance Expectations and Travel Financial Assistance

We understand that kids are busy! There is no minimum time requirement to be on the Youth Council. Please come when you can!

However, travel cost assistance is based on your attendance.

There are 11 youth council meetings each year (plus one that is just for the youth leadership in August) for a total expectation of 11 hours in meetings.

There are 7 Essential events each year. For a total expectation of 7 service hours.

The attendance percentage will be calculated at the time the travel expenses are due.

If your total attendance is at or above 80% you qualify for full assistance (after a deposit).

If your total attendance is less than 80% you can get partial assistance (after deposit).

Partial assistance will be calculated by your total attendance percentage (combined meeting and events). For example if your combined percentage is 70% then your portion would be the deposit and 30% of the travel cost.

***If you end up NOT attending after the Youth Council Funds have been spent to have you attend then you will be expected to pay back in full any money that was spent on registration, travel reservations etc for you to attend.

If you need to 'make-up' hours for meeting hours you can attend City Council Meeting, Healthy Bluffdale Meeting, planning meetings for specific youth council hosted events etc. Please speak with one of the Adult leaders if you have questions about this or what will qualify as make-up hours.

If you need to make up service hours you can participate in the 'other' events to get more hours.

Active participation and hours may also be used to determine which members will attend conferences when there is a limited capacity.

Please reach out to Kristal Flynn if you have questions on how attendance is calculated. You can reach out to any leader to check your current hours/percentage.

To help you plan ahead and be aware of the amount of hours that would be needed for Full Assistance here is a guide and example.

At the end of the month	Number of event hours to be at 80%	Number of Meeting hours to be at 80%
July	0.8	0.8
Aug	1.6	0.8
Sept	1.6	1.6
Oct	2.4	2.4
Nov	2.4	3.2
Dec	3.2	4
Jan	4	4.8
Feb	4.8	5.6
March	4.8	6.4
April	4.8	7.2
May	5.6	8
June	5.6	8.8

For the March USU conference there will have been 7 meetings that have happened (July to Feb). You would need to have attended 6 (5.6 hours rounded up) of them to meet the 80% requirement. Or have attended a make-up meeting to get to the 6 meeting hours. For Service Event hours, 6 of the 7 essential events will have occurred before the USU conference. So you will need to have 4.8 service hours completed (or done make-up hours).