



*PANTEGO YOUTH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL*

**2016 - 2017
PROGRAM APPLICATION**

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The PYLC Program is open to area students in grades 7 through 12. The purpose of the Program is to encourage students from diverse backgrounds to learn more about local government and build skills to better serve as leaders among their peers. It is designed to develop leadership, problem-solving, and communication skills, as well as encourage community service, civic participation, and philanthropy in young people now and in the future.

PYLC students learn not only about local government and the inner workings of a municipality, but they experience first-hand what it means to be an elected official and/or an appointed member of a board or commission. Students develop personas, identify key issues, campaign for office, and hold an election. The PYLC elected officials then interview candidates and hire key city staff, as well as appoint board members and commissioners. PYLC key city staff then hire department heads and other personnel. They basically create their own PYLC Town Hall and together they discuss, consider, and make decisions to resolve issues and define policy.

Students will discover what is involved in Town Hall administration, what fiscal accountability and budgets are all about, and what the Building Inspector and the Public Works Department do. There are behind-the-scene tours of both the Fire and Police Departments and some years the group will work closely with the municipal court system so students can prepare for and participate in a mock jury trial.

By the end of year, students are able to see how it all ties together neatly to provide every day services to the community-at-large. They also learn about Economic Development and how important it is to have a vision and plan for the future to ensure the Town remains viable for future generations. It's an excellent opportunity for them to meet and get to know the Town of Pantego's elected officials, appointed board members and commissioners, Town staff, and members of the community who also actively participate in the program.

The PYLC Program allows students to be a Council-In-Action and actively participate in the Town's community events and activities. Students should come with a positive attitude, expecting to learn in a relaxed and casual atmosphere, and plan to leave with a smile knowing they *can* make a positive difference in the world not only as individuals but as part of their local community.

***PYLC GIVES YOUTH A VOICE AND A CHANCE TO IDENTIFY
AND SOLVE COMMUNITY ISSUES.***



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[Please Type or Print]

STUDENT NAME: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____ Grade and Age: _____

COMMITMENT

The Pantego Youth Leadership Program consists of nine to ten sessions from August 2016 to May 2017. Promptness and participation in all sessions is expected. Meetings will generally be held in Council Chambers on the third Tuesday of the Month. Students are encouraged to arrive at 6:15 p.m. to eat (meal provided), and greet fellow students so meetings can begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

September 20, 2016	December 20, 2016	March 21, 2017
October 18, 2016	January 17, 2017	April 18, 2017
November 15, 2016	February 21, 2017	May 16, 2017

Optional Field Trips and Year-End Party TBD

Students will learn and develop leadership skills throughout the program, and are encouraged to attend various Town Council and Board meetings throughout the year. There will also be numerous opportunities to participate in community events and projects. A one-year, paid internship with the Town of Pantego will be awarded in May to the senior high student who during the course of the year best demonstrates excellence in leadership and community involvement (min. age 15 yrs).

**Please note this schedule is subject to change. Return completed applications to Town Hall, 1614 S. Bowen Rd., Pantego, TX 76013, email to Mayor.Paradise@TownofPantego.com, or bring with you to the first meeting.*

DISCLOSURE – RELEASE OF LIABILITY – AUTHORIZATION**Disclosure.**

Pantego Youth Leadership Council meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. However, components exist where the students may participate in leadership skill and team-building activities, visits to tour municipal departments, including the adjacent Fire Department and the Police Department on Miller Lane, and/or any optional local or out of town field trips. The activities will generally occur on site at Town Hall, and departmental visits will be made on foot or in town vehicles. Field trips will be organized as optional activities; details TBD. A risk exists and must be assumed by each participant that he or she may suffer an emotional or physical injury. To assist the PYLC program in providing a safe experience, you must provide us with any information regarding physical or emotional limitations or disabilities.

Student Release of Liability.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the commitment and disclosure. I understand the PYLC program may be physically or emotionally demanding. I affirm that I have no physical or emotional limitations that might put me or others at risk during my participation in any of the activities except the following: _____

I recognize the inherent risks of injury or disability inherent in my participation in PYLC's program, and I hereby assume the risk of injury that could result from any of these activities. I release the PYLC program, its volunteers, staff members, officers, directors, and agents from all liability for any injury to me from my participation in the PYLC program and indemnify PYLC for any injury caused by an act or omission related to, occurring at, or arising from the aforementioned programs.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parental/Guardian Release of Liability and Authorization.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the commitment and disclosure and grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in the PYLC program and all associated activities. This participation may include, but is not limited to leadership skill and team building activities, departmental visits, and field trips. In the event my child advises PYLC of being injured or ill while attending any of the aforementioned programs, I understand that PYLC will immediately seek medical attention for my child and contact me as soon as possible. I further agree to hold harmless and release PYLC, its volunteers, staff members, officers, directors, and agents from all liability for any injury to my child from participation in the PYLC program, and indemnify PYLC for any injury caused by an act or omission related to, occurring at, or arising from the aforementioned programs. PYLC is not a licensed childcare program. As such, your child's participation is voluntary. We will not require any child to stay, nor will we prohibit them from leaving.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Additional Parent/Guardian Info: _____

Photographic Images.

I hereby give permission for images of my child, captured during regular and special PYLC activities through video, photo and digital camera, to be used for the purposes of promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

Student Signature and Date

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL VIEWPOINT

1. Please list all school, community, church, sports, and any other organizations you participant in or volunteer for, and what you enjoy most about each one:

2. What do you consider the most significant challenges facing youth today, and describe your proposal to solve one of those challenges?

3. Please list one or two ideas for community service projects within the Town of Pantego.

4. How do you expect to benefit from participation in the Pantego Youth Leadership Council?
