

BUCKEYE YOUTH COUNCIL

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**TRUE LEADERS** DON'T CREATE FOLLOWERS...  
THEY **CREATE MORE LEADERS!**

  
BUCKEYE, AZ

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



The mission of the City of Buckeye Youth Council is to empower young leaders and help develop and cultivate effective leadership skills. To do so the City of Buckeye Youth Council will focus on three critical areas of leadership development: Character, Community, and Communication.

## CHARACTER

When great leadership exists we recognize it through the character of that leader. These character traits exist in all of us, yet life sometimes does not afford the opportunity for many of us to train and execute these leadership qualities. The City of Buckeye Youth Council will offer an opportunity to bring out those leadership traits that exist in our youth. These character traits are values that constitute great leadership and will comprise the foundation of our leadership training. They include honesty, integrity, vision, caring, confidence, responsibility, equity, and loyalty. Development of these characteristics will carry over life skills that will benefit our youth as successful leaders and team builders, in all their future endeavors.



Youth Council will offer the opportunity for youth to take on meaningful roles in addressing relevant community issues through the application of community initiatives and projects. These opportunities will help cultivate the understanding and importance of active community participation. This will also promote the importance of regionalism, and an understanding that “community” is not limited to the confines of our own street, neighborhood, or school, but in fact it is how we choose to define “community” that determines its boundaries. Through these initiatives students will learn we are all connected in many ways, with many common interests. As a region we can accomplish more, together we can make a difference, and together the possibilities of prosperity are limitless.



## COMMUNITY

Whether it's the creation of a new technology, running a business, or working in public service, community engagement and civic engagement are critical to the identity and continuity of a region. The City of Buckeye

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Effective communication is what brings everything together. Through leadership training, team building, project development and management, conflict management, and networking opportunities, the City of Buckeye Youth Council will develop effective communication skills. Whether it is in a debate format, one-on-one, small groups, or a public speaking engagement to a large audience, those whom can effectively communicate their position and articulate their goals and viewpoints in a clear and concise manner, will gain the respect and support of their team,



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## MEMBERSHIP

The City of Buckeye Youth Council will consist of up to nineteen members from high schools, junior high schools, charter schools, home school students across the City of Buckeye, as well as schools outside our community that serve Buckeye youth. Applications for the Buckeye Youth Council are included in this informational packet. Applications must be sent directly to the Council Office for consideration. Elected officials will ultimately review these applications and appoint the youth representatives to the Buckeye Youth Council.



## MEETINGS

Once all application packets are received, each Buckeye Youth Council candidate that is selected will be contacted and invited, along with their family to a Buckeye Youth Council Orientation. The orientation will be a social event, where the format and schedule for the year will be shared, and expectations will be established.

The Buckeye Youth Council will meet bimonthly beginning in September thru May for no more than a 2-hour block. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings, at Buckeye City Hall, 530 E. Monroe Ave., Buckeye, AZ.

The format for formal meetings will include leadership training by local leaders; and planning and discussion of local community initiatives and projects.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance and punctuality are critical. Part of developing character is showing you care and are committed. The expectation is that Buckeye Youth Council members will not miss more than two meetings, or they will risk removal from the Buckeye Youth Council. With that expectation in mind the Buckeye Youth Council will discuss and craft more specific guidelines in terms of attendance, and other policies and procedures to ensure professional standards are met.

The Buckeye Youth Council will be provided initial guidance and assistance from community leaders and the Buckeye Youth Council Liaison. However, the purpose and intent of this organization is for it to be youth lead, youth initiated, therefore much of the structure and strategy will be formed and determined by the Buckeye Youth Council members.

