



Junior Council Program Guidelines

The Junior Council Program is made up of five (5) Junior Council Members, one (1) from each Council District within the City. Each Junior Council Member is appointed by the City Council Member elected within their Council District and serves for a term of two (2) years.

The Junior Council meets monthly, on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., to discuss issues and concerns within their district. Their meetings are not considered public meetings, but the Brown Act, Council Code of Conduct and Robert's Rules of Order will be introduced and generally followed to familiarize Junior Council Members. The City Manager will sit in the meetings to provide guidance and answer questions.

The Junior Council will make an annual presentation to the City Council at a December City Council meeting. The presentation will include recommendations for Council consideration.

Eligibility:

- Between the ages of 15 and 22 at time of application;
- Reside within a Coalinga City Council District;
- Ability to commit to a two-year term;

How to Apply:

Submit a completed City of Coalinga Junior Council Application with a Cover Letter detailing interest in serving on the Junior Council;

Letters of Recommendation encouraged, but not required.

Selection Process:

All applicants will be invited to participate in an interview. Interview panel members will consist of the Coalinga City Council.

Each Council Member will select one (1) Junior Council Member from within his/her Council District.

If a Council District does not have any applicants participating in the interview, the Council Member from that District may select an applicant from outside his/her Council District.

Benefits:

Aside from gaining valuable experience and making a difference in the community, Junior Council Members shall receive:

- \$25 stipend for each City Council meeting attended during term.
Must attend entire meeting. Maximum of 24 meetings per fiscal year.
- \$50 stipend for each Junior Council meeting attended during term.
Must attend entire meeting. Maximum of 12 meetings per fiscal year.
- \$100 stipend for Annual presentation at City Council meeting.

Maximum Annual Cost of Sub-Program - \$6,500