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## City of De Pere forming new Youth Commission, seeking teen applicants

DE PERE – The City of De Pere is launching a new opportunity for local students to take an active role in shaping their community. The Youth Commission will serve as an advisory body to the De Pere City Council, giving young people a direct voice in City decision-making. Applications are now open for the 2026 term, offering students the chance to engage in local government and provide recommendations on a wide range of issues.

The Youth Commission's mission is to engage youth in civic leadership, support existing City initiatives, and help develop new programs that reflect the needs and perspectives of De Pere's younger residents. Through this work, the City aims to encourage future leaders who will help shape the community for years to come.

The Youth Commission will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with most meetings held in the Nicolet Conference Room at City Hall (335 S. Broadway).

Applications are accepted once per year from youth ages 14–18. This voluntary, unpaid commitment includes a one-year term, with the opportunity for reappointment through high school graduation. Applicants must reside in the City of De Pere or attend school in either the Unified School District of De Pere or the School District of West De Pere.

Members of the Youth Commission will be posted once appointed by Mayor James Boyd. Council liaisons will be announced following their selection. Staff support for the Commission is provided by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jessie Paque and City Clerk Carey Danen.

Applications for the 2026 term are due Monday, April 6, 2026.

Interested students may find more information and apply through the City's online application portal at [deperewi.gov/youth](http://deperewi.gov/youth).

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