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Youth City Council  
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### Youth City Council Application

As I grew older I developed and strong interest and love for government and politics. I appreciate that I can use my voice to voice my opinions and morals to fellow teenager and adults around me.

I would like to participate in Youth City Council because it would help me work with and learn more about our council men and how they help to improve my city. I would like to learn how and what process our city council makes to complete difficult decisions and tasks regarding Atlanta's betterment. To be able to speak face to face with council members to talk to them about their job, would help me want to get more involved in my city.

After the 2016 election, I have wanted to do more and more for my city and country, because I believe every person can help. I learned how to use my voice to make a change in my city. I walked the women's march, all of the way to downtown atlanta, which was a unforgettable experience. After that life changing experience, I started to look into government and a career pathway, whether as a minor or major.

Although I have a growing interest in government on the federal level, I would still like to learn and appreciate how local government works to help the betterment of society. After taking AP Government and Politics last fall, my interests in local government grew. During that class, we took a field trip to meet some city council members. After speaking to many members about their beliefs, policy ideas, and job, I knew I wanted to learn more.

Through Youth City Council, I believe that i could help Atlanta even more by applying my dedication and beliefs into hands on projects throughout the city. After AP Government and Politics, I did learn about local government, although we focused more on government on a federal level, we did pay attention to some local government aspects. I understand the basic principles of local government, and how it is organized. I do not know the specifics of how local government's power is divided, and all of the roles a people working within local government. By learning more about local government operations, I could apply my knowledge to help Dunwoody.

Citizens can often become disconnected within their government, and getting too wrapped up in parties. It is important for citizens to get involved for many reasons.

For example, by volunteering, citizens gain a better knowledge or understanding of how local government runs and operates. This could help them make a more educated and better decision when deciding council member, to make sure they will help this city the most. Also, knowing more about how our government works, pushes us to get more involved in local government. Whether it's attending the signing of a bill, voting, or helping survey citizens for the council members, everything helps.

If I could improve one thing about dunwoody, I would add more parks, as you can see from dunwoody nature center, brook run, and more, parks can create an interactive experience for children. I think I am a good applicant for Youth City Council because I am dedicated into learning more and helping our city.

**Section 3: Community Involvement**

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Community Activity	9	10	11	12	Number of Hours per Week	Leadership positions held/major accomplishments	Name & Contact Information for Adult Sponsor*
Donwoody Adult day care		✓			36	helped with my grandma and other people	Georgia Gunter [REDACTED]
Dive coach volunteer		✓	✓		12	coached over 30 younger kids in summer	vermack swim + dive club 170-804-9456

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**Section 4: Extra-Curricular Activities**

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Activity	9	10	11	12	Accomplishments/leadership
cheerleading	✓	✓	✓		make JV and varsity
Diving	✓	✓	✓		varsity diving and accomplished many dives
Gymnastics	✓				varsity gymnastics
Student government association	✓	✓			helped plan Homecoming pep rallies and other events
Young Democrats Club			✓		joining this year.



**Section 2:**

The Youth City Council is a very special opportunity that is offered to Dunwoody students. I have a recent interest in the YCC for many reasons. I would like to be more involved with my community and be able to understand it better, especially if I am living in it, shopping in it, and going to school within it. I would also like to be able to have a say in the decisions about the conditions and areas that I am spending so much of my time in. Along with this, many important decisions are being made in this day and age and I would like to witness them first-hand. I feel that if I witness these actions first-hand, I will be able to get a better understanding of the roles within the local government. I am also struggling with what I would like to pursue in college and farther on. I do have an interest in government and I believe that I will be able to see if my interest in government is worth pursuing through my potential involvement with the Youth City Council.

My interest in local government compares with my interest in government as a whole. The only type of government that I am truly able to recognize is the federal government, but I would like to see how the local government plays into it. Personally, I know close to nothing about the city of Dunwoody's powers and responsibilities. Nevertheless, I am interested and willing to learn about them!


Being involved within the community is probably one of the greatest ways to have an impact on it. Even though Dunwoody itself is already established as a community, being involved with it would help build that *sense* of community. It is important to be active in the community that you are living in because you should want to have an influence on your home being the best that it can be. Along with this, If you would like to see a change in your community, the best thing to do is become involved so that these changes are more likely to happen through your influence.

I would like the City of Dunwoody to recognize its history by starting to have more of an appreciation for the many historical sites around the city. I believe that a way to do this is to provide public access to these places. For a video project in a class at DHS, I interviewed many people involved with the Dunwoody Preservation Trust and the city council about introducing public recognition for historical sites. One of the main ideas that this group of people addressed was changing one of the sites into a museum. I would like to see the city of Dunwoody do more than make it into a museum. There could be seasonal events that happen at these places in order to shine a spotlight on them. For instance, "Lemonade Days" is a very popular Dunwoody attraction. If something like "Lemonade Days" was hosted at one of the historical sites, it would cause a public appreciation not only from adults, but also from the younger generations. At the end of the day, I would like to see something being done with these historical sites other than seeing the once a year festivities within them.

**Section 3: Community Involvement**

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DHS Spanish Club					2 hours	I was part of the leadership council of the DHS Spanish Club, and I held the secretary position. I was in charge of managing "Mike's Angels", which is the organization that Spanish Club sponsors. Mike's Angels is located in Guatemala and it helps expand the orphanages there, as well as helps care for the actual teachers and orphans. Through Spanish Club, we have been able to help build as well as sponsor the creation of a kitchen, a library, and sleeping quarters. Within the Dunwoody community, I have volunteered at Kingsley Elementary with the Spanish Club. Every Friday, I would go to Kingsley Elementary after school and teach the after-school children Spanish. I would teach them Spanish through learning activities as well as fun games.	Mrs. Rojo, Mrs. Bilbao-Gran adillo <a href="mailto:ANA_C_BILBAO-GRANADILLO@dekalbschoolsga.org">ANA_C_BILBAO-GRANADILLO@dekalbschoolsga.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:DALIA_A_ROJO@dekalbschoolsga.org">DALIA_A_ROJO@dekalbschoolsga.org</a>



Girl Scout Troop 28423				1.5 hours	<p>The biggest accomplishment through this was earning my Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is earned through 24 hours of completed service work with the troop as a whole. We helped out at Interfaith Outreach Home, which is a home for women and children that are victims of harmful activity. Every month, my Girl Scout troop meets and we decide to do some type of community service. Two of the highlights are the Extravaganzas and Stop Hunger Now. The extravaganzas are these events that my Troop puts on for the younger Girl Scouts to enjoy. These events vary from winter celebrations to outdoorsy adventures. A lot of hard work is put into making these events happen, but they end up having such a positive impact on our troop. The other highlight is known as Stop Hunger Now. Stop Hunger Now is an organization that works to end hunger in under-developed countries. My Girl Scout trip has directly supported this organization by attending the food packing events where a</p>	<p>Cissy Holland;</p> 
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					large group of people works for about 4 hours to pack as many meals as they can. While these events are fun, they also have a great impact on the world; especially the parts of the world that are experiencing extreme famine.	
St. Luke's Presbyterian Youth Group Council				6.5 hours	I have helped plan and organize youth group functions as well as become an active member in the church.	Phil Brown; philbrown@slpres.org
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church Summer Youth Missions (Mountain T.O.P. and Vacation Bible School				40 hours (one week over the summer) + 16 hours (one week over the summer)	Mountain T.O.P (Tennessee Outreach Project) is a summer faith building Mission Trip in one of the poorest counties in the US, where I build porches, sheds, roofs, and wheelchair ramps. Sometimes I will go and paint houses, do yard work, and clean the house. I go out into the county every day and serve the community for a week by doing these activities. This camp is completely volunteer based. Every summer through Vacation Bible School, I have helped teach 3 year olds and 4 year olds about Christianity through fun activities and Bible stories.	Phil Brown; philbrown@slpres.org



**Section 4: Extra-curricular Activities**

Activity	9	10	11	12	Accomplishments/leadership
MAYWE (Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Wind Ensemble)					I auditioned on the Oboe to have the opportunity to be a part of this elite Symphonic band which practices weekly at the downtown Georgia State University campus. Throughout the season, we prepare for 3 public recitals which are performed in the Rialto Center for the Arts in Downtown Atlanta.
DHS Swim Team					Acquired the role of swim team captain. Therefore, I help organize the fundraisers and act as a leader for the freshman and new incoming swimmers. I also am in charge of transporting younger swimmers to practice at Chamblee High School before and after school hours.
Spanish National Honor Society					In SNHS, I have many volunteer opportunities that I am able to be a part of. One of the main opportunities is tutoring my peers in Spanish. Any person that is struggling in their Spanish class, can come in and I can tutor them no matter what level they are in. This is very beneficial for me, as well as the student that I am tutoring.
Georgetown Swim and Recreation Club Swim Coach					Over the summer I had the opportunity to work as a swim coach. I worked to teach, as well as to motivate kids - aged 6-16 - to swim. I also helped organize swimmer lineups and I was the key contact at the swim meets for the swimmers to receive their events.
Fellowship Christian Athletes					I have been a part of the FCA leadership team since sophomore year. Through the leadership team, I have introduced the weekly speakers, as

				well as helped plan new things that are added to improve FCA as a whole.
Student Government Association				Through SGA, I have participated in decisions regarding the school's community as well as important events such as the Homecoming Dance. Have led homeroom classrooms during Homecoming nominations as well as have volunteered the day of Homecoming to help set up.



**Lauren Killeen**

**Application for Dunwoody Youth City Council**

**1. Why would you like to participate in the Youth City Council? What would you like to get out of the experience?**

I would like to participate in Youth City Council because I want to help Dunwoody be its best, learn more about local government, and develop my leadership skills.

I have volunteered extensively in the Dunwoody/Sandy Springs communities over the last several years (over 500 hours) and have seen what an impact I'm able to make. In addition to volunteering at school and church, in the last year I've volunteered at Dunwoody Nature Center, Spruill Center for the Arts, the Community Assistance Center, Senior Services of North Fulton, Mt. Vernon Towers Senior Center, and Ronald McDonald house. These experiences have allowed me to make an impact while broadening my horizons and helping me learn more about the community. Also, earning my Girl Scout Gold Award last year taught me how to tackle and solve an issue and work effectively with both peers and adults. I could bring my experience and energy to help make sure that the views of Dunwoody youth are heard and to help our community be its best.

I've worked a lot with religious organizations and other non-profit organizations, but it would be great to broaden my experience to also include local government. Participating in the Youth Council would help me learn more about city government and local issues, which I think is important since I will be able to vote in just two years. It would also further develop my leadership skills.

**2. Describe your current interest in local government. How much do you know about the City of Dunwoody's powers and responsibilities?**

I've lived in Dunwoody my entire life and enjoy following local issues. For example, I recently closely followed the developments relating to the passing of back yard chickens in Dunwoody since my cousins have backyard chickens in Indiana. I have attended one City Council meeting before and found it interesting because the topics discussed were all related to my own community.

While I have limited knowledge about our city government operations, I really enjoyed my freshman civics class and would love to learn more about how local government works.

**3. Why do you think it is important that citizens are involved in their community? If you could choose any aspect of your community to improve, what would it be? How would you do it?**

It is important for citizens to be involved in their community so that the community can make choices that reflect the wishes of the majority of its members. If citizens don't get involved, then decisions will be made by just a few people, which is the opposite of what democracy is all about.

One aspect I would want to improve is to make Dunwoody a more environmentally friendly community. I would try to find ways to encourage more people to recycle, like having the City of Dunwoody reimburse or pay for its residents' recycling bins/bags from DeKalb County. I would connect with science or environmental clubs at area schools to see how they could improve their school's programs. I would also recommend that local stores charge for plastic bags or give a discount if someone brings their own bag. Lastly, I would encourage people to buy electric cars by having more charging stations in Dunwoody and tax incentives.



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Girl Scouts	✓	✓	✓		depends	Gold Award, Silver & Bronze, treasurer of troop	Sarah Duncan [REDACTED]
National Charity League	✓	✓	✓		3	vice president and have served over 500 service hours	Paige McAnaway [REDACTED]
church youth group	✓	✓	✓		2	served as VBS leader & went on international mission trip	Karen Bass kbass@dumc-youth.org
Dunwoody Nature Center Summer Conservator	✓	✓	✓		I do it 40 hrs in summer	served for 5 summers as an junior counselor	Penne White [REDACTED]

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Cross Country		✓	✓		- varsity & championship team, won runner of the week last week
SGA	✓	✓	✓		
National Latin Honors Society		✓	✓		Vice President
Bera Club	✓	✓	✓		
Latin Club		✓	✓		Vice President



Samantha Cameron

08 September 2017

### Youth City Council Application

1. Being a part of the Youth City Council would provide me an opportunity to connect with the community better and be more in touch with the issues that face our local government. I want to understand the inner workings of the institutions of government that allow our city to run and I hope to learn more about the municipal government.
2. I do not have extensive knowledge about local government, but I do have great interest in learning about it. I have learned a lot, both in school and at home, about government on a national and international level. Government is a crucial part of every city, county, state and nation and I firmly believe that proper and appropriate governance is the key to every successful and growing city, as Dunwoody is.
3. Staying informed is one of the most important, if not the most important, civic duty of citizens in any city, state or nation. Being knowledgeable about issues that face the place in which you live is crucial in order to be an effective voter and an active citizen. This is especially important on the local level because the policies enacted on the scale of a city or county will likely affect you most in your day to day life rather than the policies enacted at the state or national level. If I could change Dunwoody in any way, I would want to push to make Dunwoody more earth-friendly and more sustainably run. By deregulating the standards set by neighborhoods that ban solar panels on houses or by investing in obtaining other forms of renewable energy through tax breaks or incentives for citizens if they use renewable resources. I would also love to see an investment in the park system and the nature preserves in Dunwoody by updating infrastructure and creating soft-surface walking, running and biking trails in parks that have been already established.

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YMCA Camp High Harbour Counselor		X	X	X	N/A (during summer)	Counselor-in-Training of the Session, Assistant Counselor	Drew Hullinger 404-661-3989
Monthly Volunteer Projects with NHS			X	X	2-3	Secretary	Alan Ritchey [REDACTED]
Blood Drive with National Beta Club/other projects		X	X	X	N/A	Helped register & facilitate Blood Drive donations	Gerri Jackson Geraldine_K_Jackson@detalbschools.org
Dunwoody Nature Center Junior Counselor	X	X			N/A (during summer)	Assisted educators with direction of children aged 4-10	Diana Phillips 404-918-3591

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Cross Country (Varsity)	X	X	X	X	Captain GHSAA 5-A 2014-2015 Team State Champion GHSAA 5-A 2015 Individual State Champion
Track (Varsity)	X	X	X	X	Captain
Interact Club	X	X	X	X	Participated in <del>monthly</del> volunteer projects in coordination with the Rotary Club of Dunwoody; participated in RYLA-four-day Summer leadership program
National Honor Society			X	X	Secretary
Beta Club			X	X	
National Science Honor Society			X	X	



## Dunwoody Youth City Council

1. I would like to participate in Youth City Council because I feel that students make up a good portion of the residents in Dunwoody, and therefore should have their voices heard. We are the next generation, and we're going to be making decisions for our communities soon. I think that working on the Youth City Council will prepare me to become more involved in community decisions in the future, as well as being able to voice my opinion now. As a teen, I have so many opinions and ideas but I feel that I can't do anything about it because I can't vote yet. From this experience I hope to learn how to voice my opinion in my community as well as make some changes to Dunwoody that will reflect the wants and needs of Dunwoody students.
2. In all honesty I became interested in local government ever since I started watching Parks and Rec. I know that that isn't exactly how a local government works, but it seemed so interesting, and I never actually thought about how the government controlled things such as parks. I do not have much depth in my knowledge on how the government of Dunwoody works or what responsibilities it has, but I do know a few things. The city of Dunwoody's government is always looking to improve, as are most governments. They have many master plans such as those to improve parks or shopping centers, as well as creating new plans for education and transportation and such.
3. I think it is extremely important that citizens be involved in their governments, especially local governments, before changes are made that one might not agree with. If someone is in the know and acting on a change being made by the local government, there will be less upset people who are catching onto a change right as it is happening. Also, citizens provide valuable insight to what should be happening in a community, because they are the ones who are going to be affected by those changes. Citizens of Dunwoody can make great suggestions, such as what would be best in a new park, in order to provide an optimal park to be used by citizens. If I could choose any part of my community to improve, it would be the environmental aspect. I believe that one person, or one community can spark a change, and the environment is in need of our help. Ideas such as a community compost or mandatory recycling or easier recycling could make our community more environmentally friendly.

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The packaged Good		✓			—	—	Kelly Dwyer (678) 677-2421
The MG walk		✓			—	—	"
The Lupus walk		✓			—	—	"
yogli Mogli			✓		around 18	Shift leader	Roy Levi (404) -483-5649

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Close to Home		✓	✓		Founder/president
Interact		✓	✓		active member
Spanish National Honors Society		✓	✓		active member
Unicef club		✓	✓		active member
Basketball cheer	✓				—



Hannah Snyder  
Junior Applicant  
Dunwoody High School Youth City Council  
Section 2

I would like to participate in the Youth City Council for many reasons. The one that is most important in my point of view is being able to have a voice and stand up for what I believe in. I feel like it is so important that my fellow student and I get to show our opinions on the important things that are happening in our community. I feel like the Dunwoody High School Youth City Council is the most effective way to have my voice heard and make a difference in our community every day. I hope to learn more about the government of our county and state. I also hope to gain confidence. One of the things I struggle with today is being able to take the extra step and display my wants and beliefs. Currently, I do have strong beliefs, I just get nervous when it comes time to share in fear that someone else will talk over me. I feel like this is an amazing opportunity to learn more about what happens every day and to gain the confidence I need to make my opinion show.

Currently, I am very interested in government. I do not have much prior knowledge other than what I learned in civics freshman year, however I believe that that is one of the amazing things about this council. It will help me learn more about the government in a responsible environment where I can communicate with others who share the same interest as me. Honestly, I do not know much about the city of Dunwoody and their power and responsibility as a city, however I am a quick study and eager to learn more about all the things that happen daily.

I do think it is extremely important that citizens are involved in their community. We are those who vote for the future. If we are not educated and do not have a priority for what to do about sharing our beliefs, they will not be addressed. However, if we take a stand and use our words to try to display our beliefs we will create a community that is shaped for our interests, and thus will be the best place for us to live. If I could improve any aspect of my community, I think it would be recycling and cleaning up litter. It pains me to see trash on the ground hurting our environment. I would do this by helping to encourage people that recycling is not difficult and can be done quickly and easily if all the materials are possessed.

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Girl Scouts	X				2-3	Bronze award	Sarah Duncan (404) 966 0323
DCC charity Haunted House	X	X			—	"tour guide"	Dunwoody Country Club
Christmas + Pumpkin Sale	X				—	advertisement	Dunwoody United Methodist Church - (770) 990 0707
Packaged good		X	X		—	—	Kelly Dwyer kelly-dwyer@dexd16schools.ga

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Varsity Soccer	X	X	X	—	Participant
Close to home		X	X	—	Vice-President
Spanish National Honor Society		X	X	—	Participant
Beta Club	X	X	X	—	Participant
Interact Club	X	X	X	—	Participant
SGA			X	—	Participant



Jackson Kuller

Mr. Berry

Student City Council

6 September 2017

As I have progressed through high school, I have noticed my academic interests shift from a variety of subjects and fields down to more specific ones. Going into high school, I had no idea what I wanted to do in college; now, I am certain that I want to major in Political Science. This interest of mine developed as I took classes like Constitutional Theory and took on a summer internship with the Congressional Leadership Fund Super PAC.

Former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill once famously said, "All politics is local politics." I believe this statement to be true: in order for any national order or law to be enforced, it must first be done at the local level. Additionally, local politics are best suited to impact and embrace the unique geography, both human and physical, of their area. Local politics are important to address location-specific problems facing a community; some governments take on responsibilities of school systems, fire departments, police forces... the list goes on and on. I hope to learn a great deal more about local politics through my involvement with the youth city council.

Membership in the YCC promises an exciting opportunity to work closely with local politicians. One of the biggest problems Dunwoody has is its lack of teenage "hotspots" or places to meet, a problem that could and should be addressed in the YCC. I know this club will be a great way to use my time, and will be an interesting and rewarding experience overall.

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Chick-fil-A		X	X	X	20	Team Leader in Training	Charles Prayor 678-591-2624
Dunwoody Baptist Student Leadership		<del>X</del>	X	X	2	Director of Finance	Mark Paul 678-910-0264
BSA Troop 477	X	X	X	X	2	Senior Patrol Leader, <sup>working</sup> on Eagle	Bob Melton 770-331-2039
Congression Leadership Fund <sup>Super</sup> PAC			X	X	15	Intern	Tamey Lester 334-444-6800

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Wall Street Club			X	X	Social media manager
FRC Robotics			X		President of Business
Model UN				X	Social media manager
SGA			X	X	
DHS Band	X	X	X	X	Tenor Sax section leader
NHS			X	X	



Megan Johnson  
Mr. Berry  
YCC Application  
4 September 2017

1. I would like to participate in the Youth City Council because it would give me the ability to see, firsthand, the inner workings of city government and provide me with the opportunity to be proactive in helping my community. I have been interested in politics ever since I can remember. My interest in social studies and government has increased in the past two years at Dunwoody High School through taking rigorous social studies classes such as AP World, AP U.S. History and AP Human Geography. Given my interest in social studies and government, I am excited to be involved with the Youth City Council because it would provide a way for me to further my understanding of politics and the systems of running and managing a city. Furthermore, I would be grateful for the opportunity to better my community through service. I would particularly hope that I could see positive repercussions of my involvement in the community.
2. One of the main reasons that I am interested in this program is to further my understanding of local government. While I know the basic structures and systems, I would be looking to learn more about local governments limits and how they fit into larger structures of government. While I am not necessarily pursuing a career in government, I would like to be active in my government throughout my life and I believe that this is a starting point for that goal.
3. I believe that citizens being involved with their community is one of the foundations of our government. Therefore, I think it is important that people are active in voicing their opinions for their community. Being involved helps create a community that functions and features the things important to its citizens. One thing that I find unique about Dunwoody is all of the events and activities that it supports and hosts. Whether it be Lemonade Days, the arts festival, food trucks at Brook Run or events at the farmhouse and nature center, I believe that these events really bring the community together. I would encourage the local government to expand these events, possibly creating more, to highlight its presence and desire to promote being involved with the community. I also believe that given the limited land space in Dunwoody, it is important that the available land is filled with amenities that the people want. I would try to make these improvements by first, being a member of the Youth City Council to give me credentials to make a suggestion or change and then follow through with advertizing and questioning the younger generation of Dunwoody about what they would like to see in the community. I think it is important to reach out to all audiences to make sure that the local government is providing for all the citizens. In summary, I think that events such as the

ones mentioned above, should be expanded to not only provide activities for the people of Dunwoody, but also to promote community. In addition, I think that the local government could improve building decisions by receiving feedback from a wider range of citizens.



**Section 3: Community Involvement**

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Community Activity	9	10	11	12	Number of Hours per Week	Leadership positions held/major accomplishments	Name & Contact Information for Adult Sponsor*
Mt. Paran Church Preschool volunteer	X	X	X		1	• assistant teacher • substitute lead teacher	Stephanie James stephaniej@montparan.com
Gainsborough Swim Team Coach	X	X	X		20+ during the summer	• assistant coach • coach's award • private lessons	Kristin Combs (678) 596-7812
North Atlanta Professional Prep Assistant	X	X	X		3 times per school year	• teach/demonstrate proper etiquette and professional skills	Leslie McBee leslie@northatlantaprofessionalprep.com
Concourse Swim Coach		X	X		3	• assistant coach for 6-10 age group • lead coach for 11-14	Nancy Overheim (404) 337-6793

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**Section 4: Extra-Curricular Activities**

List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and major accomplishments in each. Also list any leadership positions you have held relative to that activity.

Activity	9	10	11	12	Accomplishments/leadership
National Latin Honor Society		X	X		• President
Latin Club	X	X	X		• Secretary Sophomore year
Swim + Dive	X	X	X		• state team member • County 500 free champion • Best newcomer award
Cross Country	X	X	X		• State team member • JV County champion (team) • 3 year varsity letter
Concourse/Dynamo Swim	X	X	X		• State qualifier • 10 years competitively swimming
Gainsborough Swim Team	X	X	X		• coach • 4 time MVP • 10+ records

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First Love Kids Swim coach/mentor	x	x	x	Two events per year	Organize a group of swim coaches to teach swim clinics to underprivileged children in south Georgia	Lorelle Wolters (678) 644-6802
K-Life Student Leader	x	x	x	Twice a month	Plan and manage activities and games for the 3rd to 5th grade age group at my youth group	Daniel O'Quinn danreloquinn@kllife.com



**Section 5: Teacher Recommendation**

Teachers,

Please submit a 1-2 paragraph letter on behalf of the applicant that explains why the applicant would make a valuable addition to the Dunwoody High School Youth City Council. In addition, please fill out the chart below (Rank 1-10) and return the completed application to Mr. Berry's room (1502) or mailbox.

**Please do NOT return this to the student after completion.**

Student Name (PRINT): Megan Johnson

Teacher Name (PRINT): Edmond Gibbons Corky

Signature: [Signature] Room #: 1501

<b>HONESTY</b> Has no recorded incidents of cheating or intentional dishonesty	<b>SERVICE</b> Volunteers, dependable assistance	<b>MORALITY/ETHICS</b> Knows the difference between right and wrong, is cooperative	<b>INDUSTRIOUS</b> Always willing to go the extra mile	<b>LEADERSHIP</b> Great influence on peers, upholds school ideals, holds position of responsibility	<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b> Is one of your best students
10	10	10	10	10	10
Additional Comments:					

Rachel Rawson

### Youth City Council Application

Over the last few years, government and politics have become a very strong interest and passion of mine. Being a member of Dunwoody's Youth City Council would be an amazing experience to become more involved in local government. I am interested in learning more about local government and participating in local government in my future, regardless of where I live.

Local government is the most direct level of government for citizens. Dunwoody is a city within Dekalb County and it operates as an individual entity in some aspects. However, it continues to rely on Dekalb County in other aspects. Dunwoody schools are run through Dekalb County, but Dunwoody has its own police force. Dunwoody Citizens have the opportunity to vote mayor and city council. They may also run for these offices. Through this club, I hope to be able to learn more about Dunwoody and local government operations.

It is highly important for citizens to get involved in local government because it allows for the community to understand the priorities of the electorate. When citizens participate in their city governance, the community can improve as a whole. The elected officials can make better decisions with knowledge of public interest. Within Dunwoody, many citizens are unaware of urban developments in the city. Traffic and environment issues could be affected by the new residential and commercial developments. These new implementations can potentially cause shortages in Dekalb county and Dunwoody's abilities to provide services. There are also positive results from developments such as new jobs, new opportunities, and improved standard of living. Dunwoody should reach out to citizens, so that they are aware of these implementations and their impacts. To alleviate this problem, I would be interested in contacting Dunwoody officials to communicate important issues to their citizens and listen to their feedback.



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French Club	X	X	X		
Chorus	X	X	X		Solo + Ensemble ratings: Excellent + Superior
Lit Mag			X		
Girl Up			X		
Gay Straight Alliance			X		
Guitar lessons	X	X	X		