



# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

## APPLICATION

### BACKGROUND:

Thank you for your interest in the City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The purpose of the Council is to stimulate and foster the active participation of young individuals in the addressing of issues impacting the youth of the community to ensure leaders of tomorrow have input in the local government process today.

The YAC serves in an advisory capacity to the City of Alachua Commission. There are five (5) voting members of the YAC and a General Council made up of non-voting members. All voting members are appointed by the City of Alachua Commission. The General Council members are appointed by the voting members of the YAC.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be enrolled in a public school, private school or a home education program within the city of Alachua in grades nine through twelve.

### MEETINGS:

The YAC meets at least quarterly or more often as directed by the YAC. The meetings are held in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers at Alachua City Hall and are open to the public.

**Instructions: Complete all fields below and on page 2 and submit application and letter of recommendation to:**

City of Alachua  
Attn: Deputy City Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 9  
Alachua, FL 32616

Student: Megan Walls E-mail: megalaceel@gmail.com  
Home Address: 18802 NW 202 st City: High Springs State: FL Zip: 32643  
Home Phone: N/A Cell Phone: 352 - 514 - 5350  
School: Santa Fe High School Grade: 10<sup>th</sup>  
Parent/Guardian: Brandi Walls Parent/Guardian Phone: 352 - <sup>538</sup> - 8387

*I have read and understand the commitment required as a member of the City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council. I will be a positive representative of youth in the community and serve to accomplish the goals and duties of the Youth Advisory Council.*

Student Signature: Megan Walls Date: 8/29/19

Parent/Guardian Permission: *I give my permission for* MEGAN WALLS *to apply to and participate as a member of the City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: Brandi Walls Date: 8/29/2019

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Please check only one (1). I am applying for membership as a: ☒ Voting Member  
☐ General Council Member

1. Why do you want to serve as a member of the City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council?

I want to serve as a member because I believe that it could be very beneficial to listen to our youths opinions, and I would like to partake in those discussions.

2. Explain how you are involved in your school and/or community. List all extracurricular activities.

Over Summer I was a group leader in Hopeful Baptist's VBS program. Also I'm an active member in Santa Fe High School's debate team.

3. What skills, talents and abilities do you have that will be beneficial in accomplishing the goals and duties of the City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council?

I believe that I'm very hard-working and I would put my all into anything that comes my way. Also I'm a very out going person and communication will be key for this to be successful.

4. List two (2) adult references (non-relatives) with phone numbers.

**Reference 1**

Name: Crystal Harvey  
Relationship: Family Friend  
Phone: 352-4976-2854

**Reference 2**

Name: Barbra Chumack  
Relationship: Family Friend  
Phone: 352-665-1352

5. Attach one (1) letter of recommendation from a staff/faculty member of your school.

July 26, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I've known Megan for quite a few years and in different capacities. I first met Megan when she was probably in 5th grade; my daughter introduced me to her sweet, outgoing friend she'd met in class at school. What I noticed about Megan was that she always had a positive attitude.

I also had the pleasure of teaching Megan in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I already knew that she was polite and respectful, from her being in class and playing sports with my daughter; being her teacher gave me the opportunity to see the hard-working and driven side of Megan. In addition, seeing her in a classroom setting allowed me to see just how well she gets along with her peers.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Megan Walls for the City of Alachua's Youth Advisory Council. Her positive attitude, work ethic, and ability to get along with others make her an outstanding candidate. Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 386-454-8767.

Sincerely,

Jo Hartman

Santa Fe High School

