



CITY OF BLUE EARTH HONORARY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION

The Honorary City Council Member Program is intended to promote youth engagement in local government and provide elected officials unique direct perspective during the decision-making process.

The City Council invites any interested current Blue Earth Area **juniors or seniors** to fill out an application to serve as an honorary city council member. One student will be selected to serve as a non-voting member of the City Council. The City Council meets on the first and third Monday of every month at 5:00 pm, with a work session sometimes being held at 4:30 pm on the same day. The meetings take place at City Hall.

Opportunities: An Honorary City Council member will be exposed to the following opportunities:

- Participating in City Council meetings and discussions, and sharing ideas and concerns
- Learning about government process
- Representing people your age

An Honorary City Council member may be exposed to the following opportunities:

- Meetings with City staff
- Attending committee meetings such as Economic Development Authority (EDA), Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA), Library Board, Fitness Center Board, etc. and providing feedback and ideas
- Relationships for future resumes and references

Expectations: From November through May, an Honorary City Council member will be expected to attend all the City Council meetings but may be excused from a meeting due to scheduling conflicts in advance by the mayor. Up to two (2) excused absences are allowed for an Honorary member. An Honorary City Council member will be expected to uphold an Honorary Oath of Office and conduct themselves in a manner which honors him or herself, the City of Blue Earth, Blue Earth Area School District, and the community as a whole.

Oath of Office At this first meeting in January, you will be sworn in with the following oath:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm to support the Constitution of the United States and or the State of Minnesota and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Blue Earth, and to faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon me as Honorary City Councilmember of the City of Blue Earth to the best of my Judgment and ability.”

Application Requirements: All components of the application must be completed and submitted to be considered.

Timeline: Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Applications should be sent to Mary Kennedy, City Administrator by email at mkennedy@becity.org AND Mayor Rick Scholtes at rscholtes@bevcomm.com. Interviews will be scheduled with applicants between October 23rd and October 27th.

Application Due:	October 19, 2023
Interviews:	October 23-27, 2022
Meeting with Administrator:	Before November 6, 2023
First City Council Meeting:	November 6, 2023

Questions: All questions should be submitted to Mary Kennedy, City Administrator. Mary can be contacted at 526-7336 or by email at mkennedy@becity.org. City Hall is located at 125 W 6th Street in Blue Earth.



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HONORARY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
APPLICATION
(2023)**

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- ➔ Applications should be emailed to Mayor Richard Scholtes and City Administrator Mary Kennedy at the following addresses:

rscholtes@bevcomm.com & mkennedy@becity.org

Email Subject Line:

Honorary City Council Member Application

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If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Mary at City Hall at 526-7336.

Council Meeting Dates

Monday, November 6th
Monday, November 20th
Monday, December 4th
Monday, December 18th
Tuesday, January 2nd
Monday, January 15th
Monday, February 5th

Monday, February 19th
Monday, March 4th
Monday, March 18th
Monday, April 1st
Monday, April 15th
Monday, May 6th
Monday, May 20th

Please Complete Pages 2 & 3

Applicant Information

Applicant Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Parent Name and Contact Information _____

Short Answers

Why do you want to serve as an Honorary City Council member?

What are two ideas or issues you would like to work on with the City Council?

Do you have any leadership experience or any past experiences that have helped prepare you for this role?

What extracurricular activities do you participate in? Will your commitments interfere with your ability to attend City Council meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month?

Is there any other information you'd like to share about yourself?

References

Name _____ Contact Information _____

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Interview Dates We will schedule interviews between December 5th and December 15th. Please list three dates and times that would work best for you and make note of any scheduling conflicts we should avoid.

1st Preference: _____

2nd Preference: _____

3rd Preference: _____

Please Avoid: _____

Signatures

(Applicant Printed Name)

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Printed Name)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)