



**City of Rochester Hills
Youth Representative Application
for City Council Communication Committees**

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The Rochester Hills City Council has established a Youth Representative Position on each of its five Communication Committees. The committees discuss, review and study policies and/or administrative issues to provide recommendations to the City Council, the Mayor and Administrative Staff. You must be a resident of the City of Rochester Hills to apply.

Profile Information: Please type or print using black ink.

Student Name: Andy LeBlanc Birthdate: 10/16/88 Age: 15
 Street Address: 1349 Sandy Ridge
 City: Rochester Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48306
 E-Mail Address (if applicable): _____ Home Phone: (248)-651-3530
 Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) Name: Kathryn and Brian
 School Name: Rochester Adams Grade: 9 Graduation Date: _____
 Principal's Name: High School Mrs. Diann Flack School Phone: (248) 726-5200
 School Address: 3200 West Tienken Road
 City: Rochester Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48306

Committee Choices:

Please indicate your top three choices (1 being first) of which Committee you would most like to serve:

- Administration & Information Services (AIS)** reviews policy matters of general government and information services regarding communications, information technology, salaries and per diems, class C licenses, elections and municipal organization.
- Community Development & Viability (CDV)** reviews policy matters such as land development and maintenance, economic development and maintenance, and infrastructure development and maintenance.
- Financial Services (FS)** reviews policy matters of budget and financial affairs.
- Leisure Activities (LA)** reviews policies regarding city parks, Museum, Environmental Educational Center, community events and inter local recreational facilities and programs.
- Public Safety (PS)** reviews policies regarding fire protection, police protection, emergency medical service, traffic and pedestrian safety, emergency operations and civil defense.

Essay Questions:

Please type or neatly write a short essay on a separate piece of paper responding to the following questions. (500 words maximum.)

1. Please explain why you would like to be a member of a Communication Committee?
2. What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?
3. What are your interests?
4. How would you be able to schedule your time to function effectively as a youth representative?

Recommendations:

Please include two letters of recommendations (with your application and essay) from adults who know you at school and your activities out of school.

Interest Statement:

I am interested in serving on a Communication Committee for the City of Rochester Hills. I understand that this will require me to attend one meeting per month during my term.

Signed,

Andy Seblan

Dated: 6/1/04

I have read the above interest statement and give my permission for my son/daughter to serve as a youth representative on a Communication Committee for the City of Rochester Hills.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Kath A. Jean

Dated: 5/31/04

Work phone (if applicable) (248) 656-6500 ext. 223

Please return the completed application, essay and recommendations by June 1, 2004 to:

TO:

City of Rochester Hills Clerk's Office
 Susan Koliba-Galeczka, City Council Liaison
 1000 Rochester Hills Drive.
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Fax: (248) 656-4744

Email: Galeczks@rochesterhills.org

The returned information will remain in the Clerk's Office and are not confidential. For additional information, please call Susan Koliba-Galeczka, City Council Liaison, (248) 841-2463.

Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Date sent to Committee: _____

Andy LeBlanc

As an active member of my community, the opportunity to become a youth representative on the Rochester Hills City Council greatly interests me. The experience would be a very enlightening one. I hope to someday become involved in leadership positions in a part of our nation's political system, so the role as a youth representative would give me valuable experience in that field. I am also interested in playing a role in the decisions that are made in my community. While most people of my age group are apathetic in this aspect, I truly care about what decisions are made involving my town and understand that they affect me greatly. I hope that this position will help me to increase my knowledge of how a governmental system works and operates. Being able to see and participate in City Council meetings would do this effectively.

I am a member of the YMCA Michigan Youth in Government club at my high school. The club recently attended a large state meeting in Lansing where delegates from different schools in the state discussed and debated numerous mock bills that each of the members had designed. At this meeting, we abided by Robert's Rules of Order and I became very familiar with parliamentary procedure and speaking in front of a large group of people on a variety of issues. I believe the experience I gained from this and the fact that I am very informed about current issues in the city qualifies me well for this position. Aside from this, I am a very outgoing and an outspoken person. I am also very open-minded to other people's ideas, regardless of the issue. I believe that no argument and no situation can be entirely one-sided and that all points of view need to be considered.

As I mentioned earlier, I am very interested in current issues and happenings in the world. I make it a point to inform myself about such matters because I care about them and hope to be involved in affecting our world one day. Aside from this, I am very interested in filmmaking and movies and in the creative process.

As a youth representative, I would be sure to focus my time effectively on my position. I would set aside all time needed to complete any tasks assigned to me and would always attend City Council meetings when necessary. I would be sure to take the position completely seriously and I would realize the importance of giving it all of my time and effort. I would be honored to hold the position as a youth representative for the Rochester Hills City Council.

May 28, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to highly recommend Andy LeBlanc for the position of student representative for the Rochester Hills City Council. I have gotten to know Andy on a personal level by his participation in our Youth-in-Government Program. Andy represented Adams High School in March at the annual statewide conference where he served as a state representative, writing bills, debating the issues, and enhancing his leadership abilities. Andy was only one of two freshmen in the program and he received rave reviews for his leadership at the Lansing Conference. I believe he would represent the youth of this area at the highest level.

Please consider Andy LeBlanc for this position. Don't hesitate to contact me at Adams High School should you desire further information on this fine citizen.

Sincerely,

Greg Clevenger



Social Studies Teacher
Adams High School

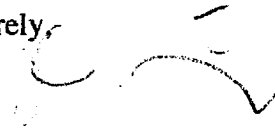
May 26, 2004

To whom it may concern:

Re: Andy Leblanc

Andy Leblanc has been a piano student of mine for over five years at the Rochester Conservatory of Music in Rochester Michigan. During that time, Andy has demonstrated the ability to complete complex and multi-faceted tasks with great attention to detail. He has consistently approached the study of music with the patience and mental alertness that it requires. He is able to follow directions carefully, comprehend new concepts quickly, and solve many problems creatively. His patient personality and quick thinking have made him a pleasure to have as a student.

Sincerely,



David Minnick
The Rochester Conservatory of Music
Rochester, Michigan
(248) 656 1925