



MATAWAYOUTH COUNCIL

Section 1: Applicant Information

Full Name	
Community	
Date of Birth (Required 16-29)	
Phone	
Email	
Preferred Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email

Section 2: Commitment

All Youth Council programming will be supported through grants and funding, no costs will be required from youth members

The Youth Council requires:

- Monthly virtual meetings
- Quarterly in-person meetings
- Participation in leadership activities
- Attendance at the Matawa Annual General Meeting
- Attendance at Chiefs' Meetings when required
- Respectful collaboration and representation

Can you commit to these responsibilities?

- Yes
 No

If no, are there accommodations or supports that could be provided to assist your participation? Please explain:

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Section 3: Role Interest

Chair/Co-Chair	The Chair leads Youth Council meetings and helps guide discussions. They make sure everyone gets a chance to speak and that meetings stay organized and on track. The Chair works with leadership and other council members to move ideas forward.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Treasurer	The Treasurer looks after the council's money and financial records. This role helps track spending and budgeting for events or projects, so everything is clear and accountable. It is about responsibility and transparency.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Secretary	The Secretary keeps notes on meetings and records important decisions. They help make sure information is shared with council members and leadership. This role focuses on organization and communication.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Council Member (14 positions)	A Council Member works in a specific area (portfolio) that matters to them. Portfolios can be anything that will create conversation and change for our current and future youth. Members help develop ideas and projects in their chosen area and represent youth voices on that topic.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 4: Role Portfolio Examples

Portfolio Area	What this could look like	Future Pathways/Resume Skills
Mental Health & Wellness	Gather youth feedback, help plan wellness events, promote safe spaces	Social work, psychology, nursing, counselling
Education & Student Success	Share student concerns, support study initiatives, connect with education staff	Teaching, education leadership, academic advising
Culture & Language	Help organize cultural workshops, language activities, land-based learning	Cultural coordination, language revitalization, community leadership
Sports & Recreation	Plan tournaments, promote active living, support youth recreation ideas	Recreation management, kinesiology, coaching
Youth Justice & Advocacy	Learn about youth rights, speak at meetings, help review policies	Law, policing, advocacy, governance
Social Media & Communications	Create posts, share updates, highlight youth voices	Marketing, communications, media, journalism
Trades, College & Employment	Research opportunities, invite guest speakers, share job resources	Skilled trades, HR, career counselling, business

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Section 5: Written Submission

Please use the space below to answer the following questions. This section is used for the review and selection of the Matawa Youth Council. Please provide as much information as possible.

Why are you interested in joining the Matawa Youth Council?

What portfolio is meaningful to you and why? *(Your portfolio is something you want to learn more about, speak up about and create change in.)*

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Section 5: Written Submission Continued

What do you hope to accomplish in a year term as a council member?

How would you take initiative and represent the youth voices in your community?

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Section 6: Conduct Acknowledgement

By initialing each statement, you are confirming that you understand and agree to the Youth Council commitments and values. Initials show that you have read the statements and are willing to uphold them as part of your role if selected.

I understand that:

- _____ Applications will be reviewed due to limited seats
- _____ Attendance and participation are requirements of membership
- _____ I will represent youth voices with respect and accountability
- _____ If I am under the age of 18, and selected for the Youth Council, I will need to provide a permission slip from my parent or guardian

_____ I will follow our shared values:

- Wisdom (Nbwaakaawin)** – I will use my knowledge and experiences to make good decisions.
- Love (Zaagi’idiwin)** – I will treat myself, others, and the community with care and kindness.
- Respect (Mnaadendmowin)** – I will honor others, their opinions, culture, and traditions.
- Bravery (Aakode’ewin)** – I will speak up for what is right and face challenges with courage.
- Honesty (Gwayakwaadiziwin)** – I will be truthful in words and actions with myself and others.
- Humility (Dabaadendiziwin)** – I will recognize I am part of a bigger community and learn from others.
- Truth (Debwewin)** – I will live with integrity and ensure my actions match my words.

I _____ declare that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and ability. I have answered the questions honestly, and the thoughts and responses are my own. I understand that providing false or misleading information may affect my application.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Submit all completed applications to:
youthcouncil@matawa.on.ca

