

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON  
BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE

Thank you for your interest in the Borough of Collegeville Junior Council Person Program. This is a unique leadership opportunity for local high school students. As a Junior Council Person, you will have the opportunity to help shape our community by giving the next generation a voice and you will also get involved in meaningful projects, all while learning about the workings of local and state government. Preferred applicants are junior and senior high school students who reside within the Borough. Freshmen and sophomores may be considered if there are no upper-class applicants.

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

State and local government supports and impacts our daily lives much more than people realize. Since 2000, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) has been promoting and encouraging high school students to get involved and learn more about borough government in the Commonwealth by becoming a Junior Council Person. Since that time, hundreds of students have participated in the JCP program in boroughs throughout the state. The JCP Program is an outstanding opportunity for young leaders of the boroughs to participate in the governing process of their own communities. Our hope is that this experience will spark an interest in future involvement, as voters, elected officials and/or engaged citizens. Likewise, Collegeville Borough Government can benefit now from the voices and concerns raised by our young people. The PSAB and Collegeville Borough believe that this partnership between the community and youth will build better municipal government for future generations.

**JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Attend monthly Council meetings, budget sessions and other "special" meetings as appropriate.
2. Provide current and "next generation" insights to Council using strong communications skills (including written, verbal, photography, video and web)
3. Bring an interest in learning about the process and procedures of local government.
4. Serve as a constant, positive representative of the Borough of Collegeville and the surrounding community.
5. Participate in related community projects and events.
6. Observe all Borough Council meeting rules.
7. JCP's cannot: vote or attend "Executive Sessions".

**COUNCIL TERMS:**

1. One-year term runs September – May (may continue through summer if desired)
2. Maximum of two terms (JCP must reapply for consideration of a second term)
3. The Borough can appoint a maximum of two JCP members per year

If you are ready for the challenge of leadership and are interested in becoming a Junior Council member, please complete the attached application and return it to the Borough of Collegeville office, 491 E Main St, Collegeville, PA 19426. The application can also be emailed to [info@borough.collegeville-pa.gov](mailto:info@borough.collegeville-pa.gov). Applications are accepted through September 30, 2023. Interviews are conducted during the month of October with the appointment(s) made in November. Please contact the Borough office, or myself, if you have questions about this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kathy Costello  
Borough Council Member  
[hamiltoncostello@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltoncostello@gmail.com)  
610.416.8198

**JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON  
APPLICATION**

SCHOOL TERM YEAR: 20 - 20

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

BOROUGH RESIDENT SINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFO:**

ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL TALENT/SKILLS:**

Please list any special talents or skills which you are proud of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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VOLUNTEER, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IF APPLICABLE:

PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_ SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROX HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_ SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROX HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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SHORT ESSAY: For this section, please take some time to consider your answer and write a paragraph response and attach separately.

Why are you interested in becoming a Junior Council Person?

REFERENCES:

PERSONAL REFERENCE:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL REFERENCE:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I acknowledge that I have filled out this application on my own and that everything in this application is truthful and accurate.

I understand that if I am selected as a JCP, I will accept the position with responsibility and fulfill all duties and expectations of the position to the best of my ability.

My parent/guardian acknowledges and supports my application as a JCP for the Borough of Collegeville.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_