

Frederick Youth Council: Vision, Mission, & Purpose

Vision:

Empowering the voices of young and emerging adults in Frederick County to create a thriving community where all individuals have equitable access to resources and opportunities for personal growth and success.

Mission:

The Frederick Youth Council is dedicated to serving as a unified and inclusive platform for young and emerging adults 12 through 24 in Frederick County, Maryland. Our mission is to advocate for the needs and interests of our community, engage with local stakeholders, and support young individuals to achieve their fullest potential.

Purpose:

The Frederick Youth Council, established by the 12-to-24 Collaborative Network, aims to empower and support young and emerging adults in Frederick County. By creating greater access to services, enhancing outcomes, and providing a unified voice for the youth population, our purpose is to foster a community where all individuals can thrive and succeed. Through collaboration, advocacy, and engagement with local government and nonprofits, we strive to impact the lives of young people in our community positively.

Responsibilities:

In alignment with our purpose, the Inaugural Frederick Youth Council will undertake the following responsibilities over its two-year tenure (March 2024 - September 2025):

1. Establishing a code of conduct for Voting Members.
2. Developing a process to address grievances and operational issues within the Council.
3. Conducting regular meetings of Council Members.
4. Representing and advocating for young and emerging adults in the community.
5. Engaging with local governmental and nonprofit entities on behalf of young individuals in Frederick County.
6. Acting as an advocacy and polling group for young adults on various issues, including legislation, community centers, websites, and grant distribution.
7. Formalizing the structure and charter of the Council for future years.
8. Fulfilling additional responsibilities determined by Voting Members.

Members:

The Frederick Youth Council will consist of two classes of Members:

- Voting Members: Up to fifteen (15) young and emerging adults aged 12 to 24.
- Non-Voting Members: Two (2) to five (5) former Youth Council members that serve to provide support and guidance when necessary.

Nomination and appointment processes will be outlined by the Council to ensure the inclusion of diverse perspectives and skill sets within the Council.