

Youth Council Interview Prep Tips

What is a good answer to an interview question?

Good answers to interview questions will ultimately highlight:

- Strengths & Skills
- Past Experiences
- Accomplishments or Achievements

Identifying and selecting meaningful skills, past experiences, and/or achievements will help convey your importance and interest when responding to interview questions. Because you preselected these items, you are better equipped to tackle any interview question you receive.

EXAMPLE:

Question: If you were selected for the Youth Council, what value would you bring to the group?

Response: "In past school projects I am usually the one to take the lead and help organize and assign duties. I feel as though I am a natural leader, and by taking the reins on a project I can maximize the efforts of the team."

Identify what strengths, experiences, or accomplishments were highlighted in the response.

The same way you have answers prepared, prepare examples too!

EXAMPLE:

Question: "Give me an example of a time you helped someone"

Response: "About a year ago my church group and I had a fundraiser to collect canned goods. We collected over 1,000 canned items. We then split up into teams to distributed the canned goods to individuals in need."

Having answers and examples 'ready-to-go' will help you highlight your skills and achievements, as well as, help you answer questions you are not so prepared for.

By preparing the skills, experiences, achievements, and examples you want to highlight. You should now be able to easily answer common interview questions.

A common interview question is "**Tell me about yourself**". How can we answer this common question by inserting our preselected highlights?

Use Present, Past, Future template – I currently do this, I used to do that, I want to do this

EXAMPLE:

(PRESENT) "I am currently in my 3rd year of high school at Walkersville and I play on the volleyball team. I enjoy subjects such as math and science and I am part of the STEM club. **(PAST)** In my first 2 years of high school I wasn't sure what my interests or passions were, but after taking a few math classes and placing 3rd in the Science Fair I found my passion in STEM. **(FUTURE)** I want to help others find their passion, whatever it may be. I hope that being selected for the Youth Council will allow me to connect with people that have a similar passion, and to increase the interest and access to STEM activities in the wider Frederick community."

Take time to think about what kinds of things you want to highlight in your interview to ensure you are representing your best self, and your desire to be a part of the Frederick County-wide Youth Council!

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