



MISSISSIPPI *Agriculture* YOUTH COUNCIL

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR THE 2024- 2025 MAYC:

Visit the MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce Website at www.mdac.ms.gov.

On the main page, click on the Mississippi Agriculture Youth Council link in the Alerts and Announcements box. **Complete the online application, including the essay response in the box provided.**

1. Upload the following required files/documents:
2. Résumé
3. Video submission (see guidelines below)

Two separate letters of recommendation. These letters may be from teachers, employers, supervisors and/or mentors.



VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Please submit a short (no longer than 3 minutes) video of yourself that contains the following information:

1. Personal introduction
2. Describe your experience with agriculture
3. Why you are interested in learning more about agriculture
4. What you hope to gain from this experience if selected

The video can be recorded from your cell phone and uploaded on the application site, but it is preferable that you upload the video to YouTube or some other video transfer app and share the link in the appropriate box on the online application.

If you have any questions about this application, the submission process or the program, please email or call **Emily Stovall**, emilys@mdac.ms.gov or at **662-660-4723**.



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WHAT IS THE AGRICULTURE YOUTH COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

This council was created in 2021 by the Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, Andy Gipson, in order to provide future leaders of the agriculture industry an experience that cultivates leadership and career development and broadens horizons while developing the potential workforce for Mississippi. Council members will visit Mississippi agricultural companies and organizations, learn about the legislative process and how it affects the agriculture industry, shadow industry professionals and hone professional skills. Members will serve a one-year term on the council.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To develop future leaders in Mississippi through leadership and career development, industry exposure and experiential learning.

OUR GOAL:

To provide an opportunity for Mississippi's young agricultural leaders to develop leadership, advocacy and employability skills through professional development, industry exposure and experiential learning in a variety of agriculture careers.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS AND HOW MANY ARE CHOSEN?

The Agriculture Youth Council is chosen by representatives in the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Applications are due **April 15, 2024**. The electronic application can be found at <https://www.mdac.ms.gov/maycl>. Final interviews will be held virtually and 12-15 youth leaders will be announced by May 20, 2024.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURE YOUTH COUNCIL?

- High school juniors in school year 2024 to serve their senior year, August 2024-June 2025.
- Any public, private or homeschool students may apply
- Student must exhibit an interest, passion and/ or experiences in agriculture

REQUIREMENTS UPON SELECTION:

- Students will be required to dress professionally for all Youth Council events.
- All travel to and from the MDAC office in Jackson will be the responsibility of students and/or parents.
- Commit to four council meetings from August 2024-June 2025.



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