

# **LAWTON YOUTH COUNCIL**

## ***A City of Lawton community engagement program***

### **Q. What is the Lawton Youth Council?**

A. The Lawton Youth Council is a collective body of passionate and promising high school students who have an interest in public service and who, together, will spend one year learning about the inner-workings of local government and representation under the oversight of City staff, council members and volunteers.

### **Q. Who comprises the Lawton Youth Council?**

A. Two students from each Lawton high school, two home-schooled students from the Lawton area, one representative from Fort Sill and one representative from Gateway Academy will comprise the Council. Students entering their senior and junior years are eligible to be selected.

### **Q. Are there requirements a student must meet to participate?**

A. The main requirements are that applicants live in a Lawton Ward and that there is a real interest in public service/municipal government/public policy. Other required documentation and surveying is included in the application packet. Students selected will also need to sign a Lawton Youth Council agreement, outlining expectations and rules of the program.

### **Q. How are students selected for the program?**

A. After filling out an application, a committee will decide upon and contact students selected for the program.

### **Q. Is there a cost to participate for students?**

A. There is no cost to participate in this program.

### **Q. How often does the Lawton Youth Council meet?**

A. The Lawton Youth Council will meet three times in the summer: Once for an orientation/classroom-type course, once for a wind tour and then once for a required Lawton City Council meeting. They will then meet once per semester, for mock City Council meetings, presenting agenda items and practicing Robert Rules of Order, amongst other business.