



Guardian's permission for a minor about running for office in the Espoo youth council elections /

The 18-year-old candidate fills out the consent form themselves

Hey!

Your child has run for office in the Espoo youth council elections 2025. The Espoo youth council is an influential group of young people between the ages of 13 and 18, whose task is to participate in promoting and supporting the voice of young people in the city's decision-making. The youth council is part of the youth influence system of the city of Espoo. The term of the Espoo youth council is two years and lasts from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027.

Standing as a candidate in the Espoo youth council elections is a significant thing for a young person. Election campaigning always requires some time and effort. Two youth work coordinators work with the youth council, who support the candidates throughout the election.

The election season culminates in the Gala organized in December, where the election results are announced. For some, this evening is a disappointment, because there are more candidates than seats in the Youth Council. Those elected as members will start a busy year on January 1, 2026. In the midst of all this, the support of the home and guardians plays a very important role.

We want to make sure that young people have their priorities in order. Together we learn how to prioritize and schedule things. The school can always come before the Youth Council. The young person has a home, friends and other hobbies. Our activities are mainly focused on young people's free time, but occasional meetings can also happen during school hours.

The selection of candidates for the elections started on September 8th and it ended on September 19th. Voting will take place from 3rd to 21st November at schools. Young people who study in another municipality's educational institutions can vote at Sello, Iso Omena and Kalajärvi service points during the voting period. The 40 candidates who received the most votes in the elections are elected to the Espoo Youth Council. The next five candidates will be elected as deputy members, who may be invited to join the Youth Council's activities during the term.

Candidate photos will be taken on September 25th and 26th, which will be used on posters and in the election compass.

The candidate may, if he or she so wishes, submit the answers to the questions of the election compass after the nomination of the candidates. The election compass is a public website open to all. It is a good idea to discuss with the young person that the answers are publicly available on the internet. The youth work coordinators will review the candidates' answers before they are published. Answers will be available on the election compass until the end of the voting period.

In order to submit the elections, the name, candidate number and municipality of residence of the young person who has been nominated will be published in the electronic voting system and on the election compass.

The election poster will be delivered to schools, educational institutions and youth centres and displayed during the voting period.

Please return the attached consent form and commitment to the Youth Council elections by 26 September. You can bring the forms with you to the candidate photoshoot or send them by post to the address below.

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Best regards,
Youth council election team

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Running for office in the Espoo youth council elections

Personal data collected with this form is processed for the purpose of organising elections to the City of Espoo Youth Council, setting up a youth council and enabling the youth council to operate in accordance with section 26 of the Local Government Act.

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Becoming a candidate

☐ I accept that my dependent / I can run for office in the Espoo Youth Council elections. I give my consent to the young person's participation / to participate in the activities of the youth council, if they are / I am elected.

☐ I confirm that if I / my dependent child finishes in place 41–45 in the election, I am / my dependent child is available as a deputy member. A deputy member may be invited to join the Youth Council's activities during the term.

☐ I guarantee that my dependent's / my official place of residence is Espoo and that they / I was born between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2012.

The election compass

The candidate may, if he or she so wishes, submit the answers to the questions of the election compass after the nomination of the candidates. The election compass is a public website open to all. It is a good idea to discuss with the young person in charge of the election compass that the answers are publicly available on the internet. The youth work coordinators will review the candidates' answers before they are published. Answers will be available on the election compass until the end of the voting period.

☐ I consent that my / my dependent's name, candidate number and place of residence is published on the election compass.

☐ The photoshoot will be held on 25th and 26th September. I consent to photographing and publishing a candidate image on the election compass.

The election poster

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Publication of information on the city's website

The first and last name of the elected candidate is published on the website of the City of Espoo.

Candidate's name	Candidate's date of birth
Candidate's home address	Candidate's postal code
Candidate's signature	Time and place
Guardian's signature and identification	Time and place
Your consent to the processing of your personal data is valid until further notice. If you wish, you can change your permissions at any time by notifying the person mentioned below. General Secretary for the Youth Council Tiia Ylä-Peräinen tiia.yla-perainen@espoo.fi 040 634 3920 Youth Work Coordinator Camilla Bergman camilla.bergman@espoo.fi 040 636 5064	

Youth council election 2025 promotes safer spaces

By standing as a candidate in the youth council election, I agree to comply with the following principles:

- Through my own behaviour, I will make sure that all candidates feel welcome in the Youth Council regardless of their personal characteristics (e.g. gender, ethnic background, sexual orientation, functional capacity, language or class).
- I will take responsibility for my own behaviour and also intervene in inappropriate behaviour if necessary.
- I will value all other candidates equally, regardless of how much past experience in civic participation they have.
- I will allow all candidates to define their own identity, and I will not make assumptions about other people's identity or background.
- I will give all candidates an equal opportunity to be heard, seen and understood. This will ensure that everyone can express their thoughts and opinions.
- I will encourage, support and respect the other candidates throughout the election process.

Candidate's signature, time and place

Candidate's name
