

**BOROUGH OF CASTLE SHANNON**  
**JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON PROGRAM**

The goal of this program is to get our community's youth involved in local government.

The Borough Council seeks to obtain input from all of its residents. A vital sector of our community we seldom hear from are our young people. The Junior Councilperson program seeks to eliminate this gap. The Junior Councilperson will be able to understand local government, and how and why it works by actually participating in the decision-making process. The Junior Councilperson will be able to explain to their peers what municipal government is about and, in turn, provide Borough Council with a perspective seldom seen in local government – the ideas and thoughts of our youth. It will be a win for everyone.

Approval for this program has been received from the District Superintendent. The Principal of the High School solicits candidates from Junior and Senior students and then recommends a candidate to Borough Council for their approval before the regular meeting of Council in December. The approved individual will then be sworn in at the first meeting in January and then assume their seat.

The following are the Borough's requirements for the Junior Councilperson position:

1. Castle Shannon resident
2. Keystone Oaks High School Junior or Senior
3. Serve a one-year term January thru December. If a Senior student is selected the term would end with their commencement.
4. The Junior Councilperson will participate in all forms of Borough Council business, except for executive sessions.
5. The Junior Councilperson will not have a vote.
6. The Junior Councilperson will be able to attend Allegheny County Boroughs Association general meetings.
7. The Junior Councilperson will receive credit for community service for all hours served during their term.

The Junior Councilperson will be encouraged to be involved in all discussions, ask questions and give opinions. They must observe all Borough Council meeting rules. Prior to completion of their term will be asked to write an article for the Borough Newsletter. The Junior Councilperson has become an asset to Borough Council.