



# LEAD YOUR STATE

## YMCA Youth Cabinet

### YOUTH CABINET OVERVIEW

During your yearlong term as a member of your state's Youth Cabinet, you'll work with youth leaders from across your state to develop a youth policy agenda and advocate for legislation that advances your agenda:

- Participate in 3 virtual cabinet meetings throughout the year (fall, winter, and spring).
- Collaborate with cabinet members to develop a youth policy agenda for your state.
- Develop and implement an advocacy strategy that advances your policy agenda.
- Present your agenda to state officials/legislators.

Each Youth Cabinet is led by a **Youth Governor**, who leads the program and presides over all cabinet meetings:

- You must be a rising senior to apply to serve as Youth Governor during your senior year.
- If selected as Governor, you commit to attending the **Youth Governors Conference** in D.C., and representing your state as a member of the national **Youth Governors Association (YGA)**, which meets virtually throughout the year.

In addition to Youth Governor, there are up to 10 additional Youth Cabinet positions (note: some states do not have all 10 positions) available to interested applicants:

Lt. Governor (Except WY)  
Attorney General  
Secretary of State (Except UT & AK)  
Treasurer  
Superintendent of Schools  
Agriculture Commissioner  
Insurance Commissioner  
Labor Commissioner  
Natural Resources Commissioner (Except WY)  
Public Service Commissioner

### HOW TO APPLY

Youth Cabinet applications open each spring for students interested in joining their state's Youth Cabinet for the following school year:

[www.ymcayag.org/youth-cabinet](http://www.ymcayag.org/youth-cabinet)

**Application Deadline:** Until all positions filled

We review applications approximately every two weeks, with selected applicants notified after each round of interviews.

The application for each state will close once all positions on the Youth Cabinet have been filled.

#### Youth Governors

All applicants selected as Youth Governor for their state will receive registration materials for the **Youth Governors Conference**, which will take place in Washington, D.C.

#### Other Cabinet Positions

Once all selected members of your state's Youth Cabinet have confirmed their participation, we will introduce the full cabinet via email, and schedule a short virtual orientation before the start of the school year.

**Questions?** Email [derek.summerville@ymca.net](mailto:derek.summerville@ymca.net)



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