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## Iowa YMCA Youth Cabinet

### YOUTH CABINET OVERVIEW

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

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

The Youth Cabinet is led by the **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 Iowa as a member of the national **Youth Governors Association (YGA)**.

In addition to Youth Governor, there are 10 additional Iowa Youth Cabinet positions available to applicants:

Lt. Governor  
Attorney General  
Commissioner of Insurance  
Commissioner of Labor  
Director of Education  
Director of Health  
Director of Natural Resources  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Secretary of State  
Treasurer



### HOW TO APPLY

Youth Cabinet applications open before the start of the new school year, and remain open until all positions are filled:

[www.ymcayag.org/ia](http://www.ymcayag.org/ia)

**Application Deadline:** Until all positions filled

We review applications on a rolling basis, with selected applicants notified after each round of reviews.

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

#### Youth Governor

If you are selected as Youth Governor, you commit to representing Iowa at the **Youth Governors Conference**, which takes place in Washington, D.C. in June before the start of your senior year.

#### Other Cabinet Positions

Once all selected members of the Iowa Youth Cabinet have confirmed their participation, we will introduce the full cabinet via email, and the Youth Governor will coordinate with members to set the calendar of meetings for the year.

**Questions?** Email our 2022-23 Iowa Youth Governor Ayla Nelson at [aylanelson3427@gmail.com](mailto:aylanelson3427@gmail.com)

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