

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT® FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LEAD YOUR STATE Nebraska YMCA Youth Cabinet

YOUTH CABINET OVERVIEW

During your yearlong term as a member of the Nebraska Youth Cabinet, you'll work with high school 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 (summer, fall, winter, and spring).
- Collaborate with cabinet members to develop a youth policy agenda for Nebraska.
- 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 Nebraska as a member of the national Youth Governors Association (YGA).

In addition to Youth Governor, here are the Nebraska Youth Cabinet positions available to applicants:

Lt. Governor Attorney General CEO of Health & Human Services Chief of Staff Commissioner of Education Commissioner of Labor Director of Agriculture Director of Insurance Director of Environment & Energy Secretary of State Treasurer

HOW TO APPLY

Youth Cabinet applications open each spring for high school students (those entering grades 9–12) interested in serving during the next school year:

www.ymcayag.org/ne

Deadline: Listed on Online Application

Applicants selected to serve on the Youth Cabinet are notified after the posted deadline.

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 (must be a rising senior when applying), you commit to representing Nebraska at the **Youth Governors Conference** in Washington, D.C. in June before your senior year.

Other Cabinet Positions

Once all selected members of the Nebraska 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 program contacts listed on the Nebraska Youth Cabinet webpage: <u>www.ymcayag.org/ne</u>

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