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South Dakota YMCA Youth Cabinet

YOUTH CABINET OVERVIEW

During your yearlong term as a member of the South Dakota 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 (summer, fall, winter, and spring).
- Collaborate with cabinet members to develop a youth policy agenda for South Dakota.
- 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 South Dakota as a member of the national **Youth Governors Association (YGA)**.

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

Lt. Governor
Attorney General
Chief of Staff
Commissioner of School & Public Lands
Secretary of Agriculture & Natural Resources
Secretary of Education
Secretary of Health
Secretary of Labor & Regulation
Secretary of State
Secretary of Tribal Relations
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/sd

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 South Dakota at the **Youth Governors Conference** in Washington, D.C. in June before your senior year.

Other Cabinet Positions

Once all selected members of the South Dakota 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.

Questions? Email our program contacts listed on the South Dakota Youth Cabinet webpage: www.ymcayag.org/sd



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