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INTERESTED IN ADVOCACY? APPLY FOR THE

YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM?

A four-month civic engagement and advocacy training program that gives students the opportunity to share their story and the impact of the Y with Members of Congress in Washington, D.C.

WHY JOIN?

- Learn about the Y's federal policy priorities and their importance to your community
- Learn how to effectively tell your YMCA story to Congressional offices in Washington, D.C.
- Connect with peers from across the country interested in making positive change
- Learn strategies to continue advocating in your community and state after the program

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- A current YMCA member or program participant with 2+ years of Y connection
- A high school student interested in gaining practical advocacy experience
- Mature, motivated, and comfortable sharing your Y story
- Passionate about representing the Y on a national level

WHEN IS IT?

All students must attend four virtual training sessions: Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 24, and Feb. 21
In-person conference is February 28 - March 3, 2027



APPLY NOW!

Deadline: September 30, 2026

Questions? Please email:
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YMCA staff interested in chaperoning: Apply by September 30, 2026!