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Join the
**YOUTH
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

2026-27

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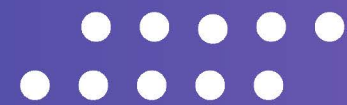


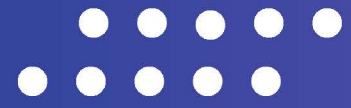


About the YAC

The Youth Advisory Council is designed for young women ages 14-20, to increase youth involvement in California's public policy efforts.

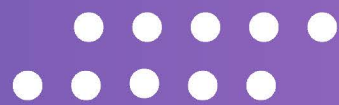
Councilmembers engage in advocacy and leadership development, resulting in the Girls Agenda.

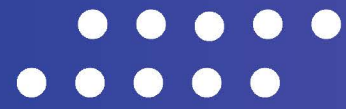




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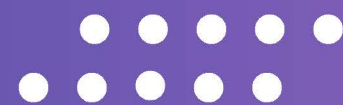
- Provide important perspectives on policy issues
- Collaborate on solutions and recommendations
- Advocate for priorities that are important to youth, including education, healthcare, safety, workforce development, etc.





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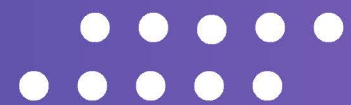
- **Serve as youth ambassadors and liaisons within their local communities**
- **Receive mentorship and professional development training from the Commission throughout the year**
- **Develop valuable leadership skills and network with fellow members across California**





Who is Eligible?

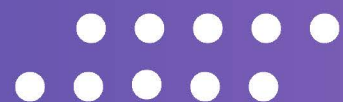
- Must be 14-20 at the time youth applies.
- Must serve one full year term from November 2026 - August 2027
- Able to attend six virtual meetings per year (approximately two hours between 8am-5pm)
- Engage in 4 hours of advocacy, outreach, or support each month





TIMELINE

- Application period opens
May 15, 2026
- Application period closes
July 15, 2026 (11:59 pm)
- Approximately September
2026 Youth Councilmembers
will be notified and
announced
- September - October 2026
youth will fill out paperwork
and start orientation





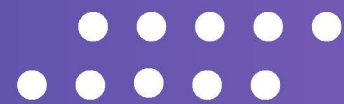
TIPS FOR BUILDING A STRONG APPLICATION





APPLICATION TIPS

- Strong letters of recommendation from teachers, mentors, coaches, etc. that can speak to your skills, experiences, and activities. (should not be from a parent)
- Completed essay
- Descriptive resume
- Timely



HOW TO APPLY

**APPLICATION WINDOW:
MAY 15 - JULY 15**

**VISIT:
WOMEN.CA.GOV/CCSWG-
YOUTH-ADVISORY-COUNCIL**

INCLUDE:

- APPLICATION FORM
- COMPLETE ESSAY IN FORM
- PROVIDE RESUME AND ATTACH 1 LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION SENT TO EMAIL BELOW

Partial, late, or incomplete applications will not be considered.

QUESTIONS: YAC@WOMEN.CA.GOV

