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THERE IS STILL TIME TO APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 2026-2027

Interested Students Encouraged to Apply Before March 27th Deadline

BATON ROUGE, La. - The Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is accepting applications for this exclusive chance to represent the voices of young people around the state. LYAC an annually appointed body composed entirely of high school students that tackle issues affecting the youth of Louisiana. The purpose of LYAC is to facilitate communication between youth and the legislature, and to give students a unique opportunity to be involved in the workings of state government. The Council studies and addresses a variety of issues of importance to young people such as education, mental health, civic engagement, the environment, and school safety, some of which they may not normally gain insight into.

Members of the Council are selected from a large pool of applicants who display a strong interest in civic involvement. The thirty-one members include three students representing each of the six congressional districts and the remaining serve at large. Applicants must be between the ages of fourteen and nineteen and enrolled in a public or private high school, charter school, home school, or GED skills program during the 2026-2027 school year.

The new Council will start in July with a two-day seminar at the state capitol and then meet every other month in person on a Saturday in Baton Rouge starting in September. The Council meets on Zoom in the months in between.

The deadline to apply is March 27, 2026. The application may be accessed at civiced.louisiana.gov and then by clicking on LYAC at the top of the page. All applicants must submit two letters of recommendation in addition to the six short answer questions on the application form and a form signed by the applicant's principal.

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