

Application Supplement

Complete and submit with Executive Appointment Application

Due Date

Applications may be submitted at any time. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis when positions are available.

Overview

The Nebraska Governor's Youth Advisory Council is a 25-member council of 14-19-year-old students from across the state of Nebraska. Applications to the Council are reviewed by the Governor's office.

Members are expected to attend all Council meetings and activities. All costs associated with membership on the council are paid for to ensure equal opportunity. Meetings are held four times per year. Two of the meetings are held in the Lincoln area while the other two travel throughout the state. We make every effort to not have membership on the Council interfere with school; however, there are times when this cannot be avoided.

Mission

GYAC aims to:

1. Keep abreast of the bills, laws, policies and decisions that might have an impact on youth in their communities;
2. Increase the level of communication between youth, community and government;
3. Move the focus off the deficiencies of youth and on to the assets of the youth and their contribution to Nebraska's communities;
4. Increase youth and adult partnerships in order to build better communities;
5. Provide opportunities for youth involvement on state and local boards and committees which develop programs to serve youth;
6. Assure that youth are represented in State initiatives such as those that impact employment and job training opportunities rural and urban economic sustainability, juvenile justice and child welfare services; and to collaborate with other state and local youth organizations.

Membership

The Council strives to give youth from diverse populations and geographic locations in the State a united voice. The Governor, Senators, Department directors, Program administrators and others will have a direct link to youth through their contact with this Council and the youth the Council represents statewide.

GYAC members must maintain the following requirements of membership:

- Actively attend and participate in meetings and on committee activities.
- Stay abreast on information affecting youth in your area and statewide.

- Maintain contact with fellow council and committee members and council coordinator between meetings.
- Inform council coordinator of issues of importance occurring in local community and activities of which you are a participant as they relate to the council.
- Share GYAC news and events with your community and youth in your area.

Application Requirements

The follow items must **ALL** be received for an application to be considered.

1. Executive Appointment Application
2. Short-Answer Question (Answer three essays below)
3. Letter to the Governor Requesting Appointment
4. Release of Information Form

Send completed applications

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Short Answer Questions

In a total of 750 words or less, answer ***all three*** following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Please be specific.

1. What is the most important issue facing Nebraska youth? How would you use your experience as a GYAC member to affect this issue?
2. If you could eat lunch with any Nebraska public figure (dead or alive), who would it be and why? What questions would you ask him or her?
3. The Governor's Youth Advisory Council makes every effort to ensure the Council members represent the diverse population of Nebraska residents. What viewpoint you can bring to GYAC and why it is important that these viewpoints be represented?

Photo and Press Release

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Name of School: _____

High School Graduation Year: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Parent Email Address: _____

Hometown Newspaper: _____

As the parent/guardian of _____, I hereby give permission for the picture and/or name of my child to be used in conjunction with the Governor's Youth Advisory Council activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Member's Signature

Date