

Benefits of YIG:



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As youth become stakeholders and change agents in organizations and our communities, they bring perspectives, knowledge, and relationships that lead to strengthened decisions and action.



YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE



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Youth learn the skills of active citizenship, like understanding how decisions are made and how to organize, plan, and communicate.

For More Information

on the program, application process, or nomination forms, contact Camille Carlson or check out the Kenosha County Extension website

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or scan the QR Code



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Youth gain effective leadership experience and skills that will benefit them in future opportunities.



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Civil society is strengthened when youth become informed and thoughtful citizens. YIG participants can reflect upon the common good, become active members of their communities, and take political action.



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Involving youth directly in creating policy for Kenosha County Government

What is Youth In Governance?

The purpose of the Youth in Governance program is to create a model of youth empowerment within Kenosha County, through direct participation in local government.

The goal is to embrace and support youth as capable of contributing in meaningful, authentic ways within their communities and to foster the development of confident, collaborative youth leaders. Youth will serve on a Kenosha County Board committee.



Who can apply?

Youth interested in applying should be aware of the following: they must be in 10th or 11th grade, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, & be a Kenosha County resident.

Additionally, youth must commit to the following program requirements:



MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Youth are assigned to 1 of the 7 Kenosha County Board Committees. Youth are expected to attend their monthly committee meetings.



SERVICE

The Youth in Governance group is encouraged to collectively plan and lead a service project over the course of their term.



YIG BUS TOUR

A bus tour is held on the last Wednesday in June to introduce new YIG members to different Kenosha government services and functions. Youth are required to attend this day as part of their orientation.



YIG Application Process

1. Nomination forms are sent to all Kenosha County high schools
2. Nominated students are invited to apply
3. Selected youth from applicant pool will be invited to an interview
4. Planning, Development and Extension Education (PDEEC) Committee members recommend youth to YIG
5. County Board Chairman appoints YIG members
6. YIG members are sworn in and serve May to May

What committees could I serve on?

Scan the QR Code & read page 14 to learn more about a committee you could serve on.



True or False: YIG members are able to vote

True! YIG representatives have a non-binding advisory vote on their committees. This means that you are able to vote with the whole committee and your vote is recorded in the meeting minutes.

Pro Tip: Ask an adult to nominate you

If you are interested, ask to be nominated! To access the nomination forms and for more info on the program, reach out to the contact info on the back.