YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE

Embracing and supporting youth as capable of contributing in meaningful, authentic ways within their communities and fostering the development of confident, collaborative youth leaders.



What is YIG?

A civic leadership program for Kenosha County youth interested in local government and participating actively in our community. Youth will serve on one of seven Kenosha County Board Committees.

How do youth apply?

Youth can be nominated by an adult in the community such as by a teacher, parent, coach, mentor, etc. Youth may also nominate themselves. Once the nomination period closes, nominated youth will receive an application via email and in the mail.

Youth who are eligible for the program must be in 10th or 11th grade at the time of application and be a Kenosha County resident.

What is the commitment?

Youth In Governance members serve one year terms from May to the following May. County Board Committees typically meet monthly, and youth are expected to attend all meetings.

Additionally, youth must be able to attend the mandatory bus tour held on the last Wednesday of June annually to learn more about Kenosha County services.

NEXT STEPS

NOMINATE

Nominate eligible youth who are either interested in government or in leadership opportunities.

DUE DATE

Nominations close on Wednesday, January 6, 2027.

Application Submissions or Questions?

Submit nominations to Pamela Larson at pamela.larson@wisc.edu. Scan the QR code for the online nomination form.

For questions, please email Pamela Larson at pamela.larson@wisc.edu or reach out by phone at 262-857-1945.

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Learn more at:
https://kenosha.extension.wisc.edu/youth/yig/

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