Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) Application

What is Iowa Youth Congress (IYC)?

The Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) brings students from around the state to discuss issues that affect youth. Youth of diverse backgrounds will learn about state and local government, advocacy, and civic engagement. Students gain valuable leadership skills such as public speaking, problem solving, and debate. IYC is modeled after the Iowa House of Representatives and accepts up to 100 high school participants.

Students will be part of regions based on geographical location. Based on their interests and goals, each region will focus on civic engagement, advocacy in their community and around the state. The term is one year (July – June). Eligible students may reapply for additional terms.

Who is eligible?

- Applicants must be high school students between 14-18 years old.
- Applicants must live in Iowa.
- Applicants must submit a completed application.

Applications to participate in IYC for the 2020-2021 term must be postmarked or delivered by June 8th, 2020.

Send applications to:
Claire Yocom, IYC Coordinator
Iowa Department of Human Rights
321 E. 12th Street
Lucas State Building, 2nd Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319
Email: Claire.Yocom@Iowa.gov

For more information regarding IYC or the application process, contact:
Claire Yocom at claire.yocom@iowa.gov or 515-725-2836 or go to https://humanrights.iowa.gov/iowa-youth-congress

The Iowa Department of Human Rights offers more opportunities for youth engagement. For more information, please visit website: https://humanrights.iowa.gov/
## Applicant Information

| Name _________________________________ | Grade (2020-2021): ____________ |
| School: ________________________________ | Date of Birth: ________________ |
| E-mail: ________________________________ | Age: ____________ |
| Home Address: __________________________________________________________ | |
| City: ________________________________ | State:_____ Zip: ________________ |
| Home Phone: ___________________________ | Cell Phone: _____________________ |

## Applicant Questions

1. **How did you hear about us?** (Check all that apply)
   - [ ] Facebook
   - [ ] Twitter
   - [ ] Google Search
   - [ ] News Media
   - [ ] School Email
   - [ ] Family Member
   - [ ] Teacher
   - [ ] Former Member
   - [ ] Other: ______________________________________________________________

2. **Please indicate the activities you expect to be involved in during your term**
   - [ ] Student Government
   - [ ] Academic Teams (i.e. debate teams)
   - [ ] Athletics
   - [ ] Dance
   - [ ] Volunteer Work
   - [ ] Music
   - [ ] Art
   - [ ] Student Newspaper
   - [ ] Employment
   - [ ] Other: ______________________________________________________________

3. **Which of the following topic areas would be of interest to you as a member?**
   - [ ] Education
   - [ ] Health
   - [ ] Public Safety
   - [ ] Human Rights
   - [ ] Mental Health
   - [ ] Environment
   - [ ] Other: ______________________________________________________________

4. **Are you interested in a leadership position?**  
   - [ ] Yes  
   - [ ] No
5. If selected to be part of Iowa Youth Congress, how will you manage your time between school, work, extracurricular activities, and Iowa Youth Congress?

6. What would you like to accomplish as a member of IYC? What issues are important to you and why? (*Please limit your response to 300 words*)
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**Parent’s/ Guardian’s permission to apply for Iowa Youth Congress.**

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