RACINE COUNTY YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE

Bringing Youth Voice to Local Government



What is YIG?

The overall goal of the YIG program is to bring youth voice to community issues and concerns while fostering the development of confident, independent, and motivated youth leaders. Youth participating in Youth in Governance will be selected to sit on a Racine County Board committee.

How do youth apply?

Youth can be nominated by an adult in the community such as by a teacher, parent, coach, mentor, etc. Once the nomination period closes, nominated youth will receive an application via email and snail mail to be returned by January 15, 2027.

Youth who are eligible for the program must be in 9th-11th grade at the time of application, have a 2.5 GPA or higher, and be a Racine County resident.

What is the commitment?

Youth In Governance members serve one year terms, from April to April. County Board Committees typically meet monthly, and youth are expected to attend all committee meetings. Youth will also determine if they choose to conduct a service project during their term and will be responsible for attending project planning meetings.

Youth must also be able to attend a mandatory orientation in April and May and a mandatory bus tour in June.

NEXT STEPS

NOMINATE

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

DUE DATE

Nominations close on Friday December 11, 2026 by 4:30pm.

Nomination Submissions or Questions?

Submit nominations to Maria Gaytan-Martinez at maria.gaytanmartinez@wisc.edu or scan the QR code for the online nomination form.

More information at racine.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-in-governance/

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