

LYAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (deadline is March 15, 2012):

The Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is now accepting applications for Membership from high school students who have an interest in representing the voices of other young people around the state. LYAC is a yearly-appointed body composed entirely of students that addresses issues affecting the youth of Louisiana.

State lawmakers created the Legislative Youth Advisory Council in state law during the 2007 Regular Session. Now in its fourth year, the purpose of the youth council is to facilitate the communication between youth and the legislature and to give students a unique opportunity to be involved in the workings of state government. The 21-member body studies and addresses issues of importance to young people, including education, community service, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, underage drinking, and youth health and physical fitness, as well as other issues.

Members of the council are selected from a wide pool of applicants from around the state who display a strong interest in civic involvement. Two student members are selected from each of the congressional districts and seven additional youth members are appointed to represent a school-sponsored or community service club or organization which has a civic mission. Members must be 14 to 19 years of age and enrolled in a public or private high school, a home school, or participating in a GED skills program during the 2012-2013 school year.

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