

# Youth Advisory Council New Member Application

As a member of the Youth Advisory Council, you shall help uphold the mission of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls by serving as an advisory council and providing youth perspectives on current and past state policy.

You will be asked to attend, virtually or in person in Sacramento, 6 meetings each year, approximately 2 hours each, and engage in approximately 4 hours of advocacy, outreach, or support each month. Meetings take place on weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and applicants must be available during business hours to be considered.

Membership is open to girls ages 14 to 20 living in California. All references to “women and girls” include gender-expansive individuals, cis women and girls, trans women and girls, nonbinary individuals, gender-nonconforming individuals, genderqueer individuals, and any women or girl identified individuals. If you are under 18, please include contact information for your parent or guardian.

**Preferred Name (First/Last):**

**Pronouns:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Birthday:**

**Age:**

**Grade:**

**City of Residence:**

**County of Residence:**

**Parent/Guardian Name:**

**Parent/Guardian Phone Number:**

**Parent/Guardian Email:**

**If you are a college student, please provide the name of the college or university, and the county it is located in:**

**Please list any current, previous, or upcoming experience working or volunteering with other groups, programs, school activities, or relevant organizations:**

**Do you require any reasonable accommodations for your participation should you be selected?**

**Along with this application form, please include:**

1. Your résumé if you have one.
2. Two letters of recommendation, including at least one from a teacher, mentor, coach, etc.
3. A two-page double spaced essay answering these questions:
  1. How did you learn about the Youth Advisory Council?
  2. Why are you interested in becoming a member?
  3. What problem facing women and girls in California are you most passionate about and why? (e.g. menstrual equity, trans healthcare, education, safety, etc.)
  4. How will your lived experience (including racial, ethnic, sexual, disability, religious or other intersectional experiences) and passion help shape a youth perspective to help the Commission review state policy and practice?

To be considered for membership, please send this completed form, your essay, résumé, and two letters of recommendation to [info@women.ca.gov](mailto:info@women.ca.gov)