

# Maryland Youth Advisory Council

The Maryland Youth Advisory Council is a group of young people ages 14-22 that ensures youth are given the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations regarding public policies that affect their future and to take a leadership role in creating meaningful change.



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## Reasons to join MYAC

- Be a voice for youth and share experiences with the Governor, State legislature, and agencies.
- Advocate for issues impacting youth everyday in Maryland by providing testimony before legislative bodies.
- Gain knowledge about the Maryland legislative process.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Network with other student leaders in Maryland.

## Testimonials from Council Members

*"MYAC is such a fun experience that has provided me with valuable insight into the inside workings of the Maryland General Assembly and lasting friendships!"*

*"Through my experiences with MYAC, I have not only made great connections, I have also had the ability to better understand the legislative process."*



## Where to get the application?

Application forms are available until **July 1, 2017** on the MYAC webpage, <http://goc.maryland.gov/myac/>. For more information please contact Christina Drushel Williams at [christina.drushel@maryland.gov](mailto:christina.drushel@maryland.gov), or 410-697-9242.





# MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

## 2017-2018 Application

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In 2008, the Maryland Youth Advisory Council was established through the Maryland General Assembly to ensure that Maryland youth are given the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations regarding public policies and programs that affect their future and to take a leadership role in creating meaningful change. By providing testimony in Annapolis and policy recommendations, council members have the opportunity to raise their voices and share their experiences with the Governor, State legislature, agencies, and other youth.

Council members will be expected to:

- Be active and passionate representatives of Maryland youth. Members must attend at least 50% of regular meetings. Any member who does not attend the required number of meetings may be removed from the Council;
- Identify and discuss issues facing youth in Maryland;
- Work with other council members to create strategies that address these issues;
- Serve as liaisons to other affiliated youth organizations and peers in his/her communities;
- Develop leadership skills;
- Meet other Maryland youth; and
- Have fun!

### How to Apply:

If you would like to be a voice for youth in Maryland, please fill out the attached application. Council members must be 14-22 years of age on September 1, 2017. Members must serve a two year term (September 1 until August 31) and cannot serve more than one term.

Council members are appointed by the Governor of Maryland, the President of the Maryland Senate, and the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates. The Governor's Office for Children appoints council members nominated by the Maryland Association of Student Councils, University System of Maryland Student Council, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council, and the Local Management Boards.

Council members will be selected with consideration towards gender, race, and geographic area to ensure a diverse representation of Maryland's youth statewide.

Application submissions must include:

1. Completed application;
2. One letter of recommendation; and
3. Resume.

If you have questions, please contact Kori D. Jones at [kjones@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kjones@howardcountymd.gov) or (410) 313 - 0039. The deadline for applications is **Monday, May 1, 2017**

### **SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:**

Kori D. Jones  
Office of the Local Children's Board  
Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services  
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Columbia, MD 21046  
[kjones@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kjones@howardcountymd.gov)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of September 1, 2017): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian (if under 18):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of School: ☐ Public ☐ Private ☐ Homeschooled

Year in School (during the 2017-18 school year): ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Enrolled in a GED or diploma equivalency program: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not currently in school, when did you last attend: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Briefly explain why you would like to participate in the Maryland Youth Advisory Council and what contributions you would bring as a member.

2) Briefly explain what you hope to gain from your experience with the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.

3) What issues are you most passionate about and why? As a member of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council, how would you address these issues?

4) Describe a time when you found yourself in a leadership position and there was conflict or disagreement. How did you respond to the situation?

5) If you are selected, you will be expected to reach out to the youth you represent in your school and community. Please describe some ways you plan to engage your peers.

6) List any employment, activities, or groups that you plan to be involved during the year and describe how you will balance your commitment to the Maryland Youth Advisory Council and your other activities.

7) How did you hear about the Maryland Youth Advisory Council? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Governor's Office	<input type="checkbox"/> MD Higher Education Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer
<input type="checkbox"/> President of the Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> University System of Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker of the House	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Management Board
<input type="checkbox"/> MD Association of Student Councils	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/School Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Pursuant to Maryland State Government Code, Annotated, §9-2701, you may consider providing the following information:

a. Gender: (Please check appropriate box)

☐ Male ☐ Female

b. Race/Ethnicity: (Please check appropriate box)

White, Non Hispanic

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐  
☐  
☐

Black or African American, Non Hispanic

Asian

Hispanic

☐  
☐  
☐

c. Disability: (Please check appropriate box)

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Please include one letter of reference (teacher, coach, pastor, advisor, professor, principal, etc.) and a resume.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_