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What is SIYAC?

If you are committed to improving your community, the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) may be right for you. SIYAC is a council within the State of Iowa Department of Human Rights that offers young people a role in having a meaningful voice on issues affecting youth in Iowa. Youth from across the state are selected to serve as volunteer council members to advise and advocate for important issues affecting youth. SIYAC consists of up to 21 members from diverse backgrounds. Applicants must be willing to attend and participate in SIYAC meetings held quarterly, periodic conference calls, plus time spent on service projects and other activities.

Opportunities

SIYAC promotes leadership among youth by:

- Providing opportunities to learn about local and state government and how they function
- Teaching them about the role of councils, boards, and commissions
- Fostering communication among youth, government officials, and community leaders
- Volunteering in service projects and engaging with other youth
- Empowering them to develop and cultivate skills for leadership and success

Who is eligible?

- Applicants must be 14-20 years old. Members' eligibility will end on their 21st birthday.
- Applicants must live in Iowa.
- Applicants must submit a completed application packet.
 - Application form
 - Demographic information form (optional)
 - One letter of recommendation form

Applications to serve on SIYAC for the 2019-2021 term must be postmarked or delivered by **June 10, 2019**.

Please send applications to:

Claire Yocom
Iowa Department of Human Rights
321 E. 12th Street
Lucas State Office Building, 2nd Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319
Claire.Yocom@Iowa.gov

For more information regarding SIYAC or the application process, contact Claire Yocom at Claire.Yocom@iowa.gov or 515-725-2836, or go to <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/cas/siyac>. The Iowa Department of Human Rights offers more opportunities for youth engagement. For more information, please visit website <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/>.



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State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) Application

Applicant Information	
Name _____	Date of Birth: _____ Age _____
Street Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	
Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____	
School Name _____	Grade (2019-2020): _____
<small>This form assists the Department of Human Rights in evaluating the qualifications of applicants for appointment to the Council. State law requires most appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils to be gender balanced.</small>	
Gender _____	

Parent/Guardian Information	
Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____	
Street Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	
Work Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____	

Signature of Applicant	
Applicant Signature	Date

Parent's or Guardian's permission to apply for Iowa Youth Congress.	
Parent/ Guardian Signature	Date



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Questions (cont.)

4. Please list organizations/clubs, extra-curricular activities, school or community activities, in which you are involved, work experience, and/or volunteerism.

5. If selected to be part of SIYAC, how will you manage your time between school, work, extracurricular activities, and SIYAC?



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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM (OPTIONAL)

The Iowa Department of Human Rights strives to maintain a diverse council membership, taking into consideration race/ethnicity, geography, gender, background, experience, and other factors. The Department will review applications based on applicants' information and will set aside the following demographic information during the initial application review process. The selection will not be based on these answers or whether you choose to provide it.

I identify my race/ethnicity as (check all that apply):

African American

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian or Pacific Islander

Hispanic/Latino

White

Other _____

Prefer not to answer



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant _____

The above-named applicant is applying to become a member of the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC). SIYAC is the official youth body for the Iowa Department of Human Rights. SIYAC provides input to government and community leaders and advocates on issues affecting youth.

The letter of recommendation form may come from teachers, coaches, mentors, youth leaders, employers, principals, etc. We would greatly appreciate your help in our selection process by completing the form below.

Name of Referring Person and Organization/School _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

How long you have known the applicant? _____

Why do you feel the applicant is a good candidate for SIYAC?

You may give your letter to the applicant or send it to the contact below by **June 10th, 2019**.
Send letter to: Claire Yocom | Iowa Department of Human Rights | 321 E. 12th Street | Lucas State Office Building, 2nd Floor| Des Moines, IA 50319| or **Email:** Claire.Yocom@Iowa.gov

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