



2023 Georgia School Boards Association Youth Advisory Council Information

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was formed by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) to give high school students the opportunity to provide meaningful input to school board members. The goal of the feedback is to help aid school board members in their decision-making and implementation processes.

The YAC Committee is comprised of GSBA staff and will serve as a resource to students enrolled in the program. We hope that students and school board members can achieve greater awareness regarding academic programs and school climate through this program.

Applications are now open for the 2023 GSBA YAC, and applying is a two-round process. The first round is submitting an electronic application to the YAC Coordinators. Chosen applicants will move forward to the next and final round, which requires a video submission based on a topic of the applicant's choice. To apply, read over the details on the following page and submit your application by **11:59 PM on Thursday, March 23, 2023**.

Our Mission

The Mission of the GSBA Youth Advisory Council is to serve and enhance communication among students, teachers, and board members within the state of Georgia. The council advises the board members of student interests and provides recommendations on topics ranging from academic programs to school climate.

Program Curriculum

YAC members will have the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and contribute to their community by affecting positive change for students across Georgia. Not only will these discussions impact the lives of other students, but they will also provide valuable knowledge for public education leaders throughout the state. The council will choose discussion topics.

Eligibility

YAC is open to students attending public schools located in Georgia. Interested students should:

- Be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade for their 22-23 school year
- Be open-minded and willing to work with their peers

Expectations

Being a member of YAC would require the following:

- Attend all YAC meetings
- Transportation to in-person meetings
- Have access to the internet
- Participate in group messages

Meetings

From July until December, YAC students will be required to attend 6 separate meetings, 2 in-person and 4 video conferences.

In-Person:

- YAC Retreat
July 13 – 14, 2023
 - 1 and ½ day retreat
Location TBD
- GSBA Winter Conference
November 30 - December 1, 2023
 - Held in Atlanta

Video Conferences:

Held the **third Monday of the month from August until November from 7:15 PM – 8:45 PM**. Dates are as follows:

- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- November 13

Applying

Applying for GSBA's YAC is a two-round process consisting of the following:

- Electronic application due by **11:59 PM on March 23, 2023**
 - Only completed applications will be considered
- Video Submission, if chosen, is due by **11:59 PM on April 21, 2023**
 - Between 1-2 minutes long
 - Topic should be one listed on the initial application
 - Format is the applicant's choice (commercial, news broadcast, music video, etc.)
 - No professional assistance

Selection

YAC committee will review all completed applications and video submissions. Students will serve on the council from July 2023 through December 2023.

- Applicants selected for the 2nd round process will be notified by email at the end of **March 30, 2023**
- Selected YAC members will be notified by email by **May 5, 2023**

Benefits

GSBA YAC members will enjoy the following and more:

- Student Ambassador
- Attend GSBA Winter Conference
- Visit iconic Atlanta landmarks (COVID Permitting)

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the application process or anything else, please contact the YAC Coordinators at YACCoordinators@gsba.com.