



## **2024 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. Through this program, we hope that students and school board members can achieve greater awareness regarding academic programs and school climate.

Applications are now open for the 2024 GSBA YAC. 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 email your completed application by **11:59 PM on Monday, March 25, 2024**.

### **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 on 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. Discussion topics will be chosen by the council.

## Eligibility

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

- Be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade for their 24-25 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 18 - 19, 2024
  - 1 and ½ day retreat location  
TBD
- GSBA Winter Conference  
December 12-13, 2024
  - Held in Atlanta

### Video Conferences:

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

- August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- December 2

## Applying

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

- Electronic application due by **11:59 PM on Mon., March 25, 2024**
  - Only completed applications will be considered
- Video Submission, if chosen, due by **11:59 PM on Mon., April 22, 2024**
  - 1 minute or less in length
  - 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 2024 through December 2024.

- Applicants selected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round process will be notified by email on **Fri., March 29, 2024**
- Selected YAC members will be notified by email on **Mon., May 6, 2024**

## Benefits

GSBA YAC members will enjoy the following and more:

- Student Ambassador
- Attend GSBA Winter Conference
- Visit iconic Atlanta landmarks

## Questions

If you have any questions regarding the application process or anything else, please contact the YAC Coordinators at [YACCoordinators@gsba.com](mailto:YACCoordinators@gsba.com).