METRO YOUTH ADVOCATES 2019

Program Sessions | Tuesdays • 4:00–7:00pm
Louisville Free Public Library – Main Branch

January 22
January 29
February 5
February 19
February 26

March 19
April 9
April 16
April 23

Metro Youth Advocates (MYA) works to develop high school students who are inspired, informed, and engaged to become effective advocates at the community level. During MYA sessions, participants strengthen their advocacy, public speaking, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.

Application Deadline: Dec. 12th

Learn more and apply at: www.kyymca.org/mya
MYA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Metro Youth Advocates, a joint effort of the Greater Louisville YMCA and Kentucky YMCA, elevates the youth voice across the Louisville Metro area by engaging students on local issues, both with policymakers and their peers.

During MYA sessions, students meet with experts from the government, social, and business sectors. They spend the remainder of each session working in teams to develop an advocacy proposal about a local issue area, which they present to the community at our culminating Town Hall. Past issue areas have included:

Child Abuse Prevention
Newcomer and Refugee Outreach
Vacant and Abandoned Properties
College and Career Readiness

Violence Prevention
Substance Abuse Prevention
Relationships & Sexual Health
Environmental Protection

Throughout MYA, students will be introduced to topics such as:

- Introduction to Advocacy
- Advocacy Opportunities
- Scope & Role of Government
- Community Stakeholders
- Businesses & Advocacy
- Communications & Media
- Philanthropy

VOLUNTEERS

If you or a colleague would like to serve as a facilitator for one of our Youth Advocate teams, or as a panelist and presenter at one of our sessions, please contact Elizabeth Penava: elizabeth@kyymca.org

For general information, please contact Mariama Lockington at mariama@kyymca.org

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

Nominated for MYA by 15 Teachers Counselors Mentors

81

15% Male
85% Female

81

RESIDENTS OF ALL 26 Metro Council Districts

28% Grade 9
28% Grade 11
30% Grade 10

28% Grade 12

15%

RESPECTING 21 LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS

Atherton H.S.
Ballard H.S.
Bullitt East H.S.
Bullitt Central H.S.
Central H.S. Magnet Career Academy
Doss H.S. Magnet Career Academy
DuPont Manual H.S.
Eastern H.S.
Fairdale H.S. Magnet Career Academy
Frederick Law Olmstead Academy
North Iroquois H.S.
Jeffersonville High School
Kentucky Country Day School
Louisville Male H.S.
Mercy Academy H.S.
Phoenix School of Discovery
Pleasure Ridge Pike H.S.
Sewickley H.S. Magnet Career Academy
South Oldham High School
Spencer County High School
Valley Traditional H.S.

9 SESSIONS OVER 4 MONTHS

58% White
18% African American
10% Hispanic/Latino
8% Asian
1%

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