



Why Join COYAC?

- ◆ Advocate for youth and youth issues on the state level
- ◆ Work with your legislators
- ◆ Connect with other youth groups and leaders across the state (i.e. Rise Above CO)
- ◆ Gain first-hand experience with the legislative process & with policymaking
- ◆ Develop communication skills, service leadership, & citizenship
- ◆ Meet & connect with other like-minded students from across the state (networking)
- ◆ Learn about important issues around the state through forums, conferences, and guest speakers

How To Join COYAC

Eligibility

- ◆ Be between 14 and 19 years old
- ◆ Be enrolled in and attending a Colorado junior high, middle or high school, including an on-line school; participating in a nonpublic, home-based educational program; participating in a general equivalency degree program; or have obtained a high school or general equivalency diploma.
- ◆ Be able to commit to a 2-year term (12th graders are NOT eligible) & to four meetings each year.

Application Process

- ◆ Step 1: Find your State Senate District & State Legislators at leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator
- ◆ Step 2: In the summer, check the COYAC website for vacant seats.
 - ◆ If your Senate District is listed as "open", you are free to apply.
 - ◆ If your Senate District is not listed as "open", you may still apply for an "At-Large" position if spots are available.
- ◆ Step 3: Fill out and submit the online application. The Recruitment & Membership Committee will be in contact with you in a couple of weeks regarding your application.

Get Involved Now!

Can't wait until the summer to start getting involved with COYAC? Here are some other opportunities for you to take advantage of.

Senate District Youth Advisory Councils (SDYACs)

- ◆ Starting this year, each COYAC member is responsible for assembling a group of youth in their senate district to help them & their legislator better connect with other youth in the region.
- ◆ If you are interested, please contact your COYAC representative via the form at: engagedpublic.com/coyac-members.php

Local Youth Boards & Commissions

- ◆ Many cities, school districts, & towns have their own youth groups. (i.e. 4-H, Mayor's Youth Commission in Denver)
- ◆ If you ever need assistance finding local opportunities, feel free to contact your COYAC member at the above link.



**Colorado Youth Advisory Council
2018-2019 Roster**

SD	COYAC Member	Best Phone #	City/Town	Email Address	High School	Grade
1	Colton Arciniaga*		Elizabeth		Elizabeth HS	11
2	Erik Nijkamp		Woodland Park		Woodland Park HS	11
3	Xavier Ada		Pueblo		East HS	11
4	Sreeni Eadara		Parker		Legend HS	12
5	Riley Dudley		Eagle		Eagle Valley HS	11
6	Sage Wilber		Montrose		Montrose HS	10
6AL	<i>Kian Edmondson</i>		<i>Durango</i>		<i>Animas HS</i>	<i>10</i>
8	<i>Tyler Miller</i>		<i>Rifle</i>		<i>Grand Valley HS</i>	<i>10</i>
9	Edenna Chen		Colorado Springs		Rampart HS	12
11	<i>Daniella Fairley</i>		<i>Colorado Springs</i>		<i>James Irwin Charter HS</i>	<i>10</i>
12	<i>Kimberly Rosas</i>		<i>Colorado Springs</i>		<i>Cheyenne Mountain HS</i>	<i>10</i>
13	Anna Rutledge		Greeley		Greeley Central HS	12
14	James Zheng*		Fort Collins		Fossil Ridge HS	12
15	Paige Miller		Loveland		Loveland Classical Schools	10
16	Vrishank Bikkumalla		Littleton		STEM School and Academy	11
17	<i>Mana Setayesh</i>		<i>Lafayette</i>		<i>Peak to Peak Charter School</i>	<i>10</i>
18	Nikaash Maheshwari*		Boulder		Fairview HS	12
19	Spoorthy Reddy		Westminster		Fairview HS	12
20	<i>Allie Mauldin</i>		<i>Littleton</i>		<i>Chatfield HS</i>	<i>10</i>
21	Evelyn Solis		Commerce City		Adams City HS	12
22	Lucy Preston		Lakewood		Lakewood HS	11
23	Sasha Miller		Erie		Erie HS	10
24	Margot Swetich		Westminster		Northglenn HS	10
24AL	<i>Ananda Birungi</i>		<i>Northglenn</i>		<i>Thornton HS</i>	<i>11</i>
24AL	<i>Faiza Shaik</i>		<i>Thornton</i>		<i>Legacy HS</i>	<i>11</i>
25	Amanda Ruybal		Brighton		Brighton HS	12
26	Ryan Hearty		Denver		Mullen HS	11
26AL	<i>Anna Ying</i>		<i>Greenwood Village</i>		<i>Cherry Creek HS</i>	<i>10</i>
26AL	Kade Kurowski		Littleton		Heritage HS	10
27	<i>Alex Yang</i>		<i>Englewood</i>		<i>Cherry Creek HS</i>	<i>10</i>
28	<i>Mitali Desai</i>		<i>Aurora</i>		<i>Cherokee Trail HS</i>	<i>10</i>
29	<i>Peniel Owusu-Ansah</i>		<i>Aurora</i>		<i>Grandview HS</i>	<i>11</i>
30	<i>Kyle Markel</i>		<i>Littleton</i>		<i>Mullen HS</i>	<i>10</i>
31	<i>Andrew Schwartz</i>		<i>Denver</i>		<i>George Washington HS</i>	<i>11</i>
32	Emma Logan*		Denver		Denver Montessori HS	11
33	Alana Saragosa		Denver		Denver Montessori HS	12
34	Winta Gonye		Denver		North HS	11
35	<i>Drew Smith</i>		<i>Monte Vista</i>		<i>Sargent HS</i>	<i>11</i>
	Hannah Park, Intern		Fort Collins		Poudre HS	11

Italics = First Year COYAC members

AL=At-Large

*Executive Committee Member

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