

READ MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

"I have had the honor of being a part of the Congressional Youth Cabinet (CYC) since its beginnings. Membership in the CYC has allowed me to work and network with a countless amount of young leaders who use their leadership skills, along with their passion and energy, to make a positive difference in our community." -Daniel Blash, Washington University in St. Louis

"Being a member of the Congressional Youth Cabinet has helped me to understand the importance of civic engagement in a society. We have had the opportunity to work with community leaders to explore solutions to pressing issues and have also organized many social-engagement, educational, and charitable events. The CYC has given me the chance to make a positive impact on my community and I'm very grateful to be a part of it." -Jordan Mosley, Columbia University in New York

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Ready to apply?

Students must be nominated by a high school official, who will sign your application. Next, complete and submit your materials as soon as possible to ensure full and timely consideration of your application.

How do I apply and when are applications due?

Mail completed applications to 6830 Gravois Ave., St. Louis, MO 63116 or email it to jasmina.hadzic@mail.house.gov by **Oct. 31**.

What application materials do you need?

Candidates must submit the application, two essay questions, and two letters of recommendation. Recommendations can be mailed or emailed directly to our office.

What are the essay questions?

Essay questions are listed below.

- Why do you want to serve on the Congressional Youth Cabinet and what topics would you like to see discussed? Be sure to discuss the importance of public service. (500-750 words)
- What do you hope to contribute to the CYC and what would you like to gain from the experience? (500 words or less)

What letters of recommendation are required?

We require two letters of recommendations from a teacher, employer or member of your city's leadership who can tell us why you would be a good candidate for participation on this cabinet. Please note that recommendations can be submitted directly to our office by mail or email.

Have my application materials been received? How do I know if I have been selected for the program?

Students should expect to hear from our office 10-14 business days. This amount may vary due to application volume. However, we will contact you with a decision as soon as it has been made.

CONGRESSMAN WM. LACY CLAY



Congressional Youth Cabinet

**Proudly Serving the Next Generation of Leaders
in Missouri's First District**

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

U.S. Representative Wm. Lacy Clay is proud to offer the Congressional Youth Cabinet - a bipartisan program on government and civic leadership, for outstanding high school students in Missouri's First District.

Now in its 9th year, the Congressional Youth Cabinet continues to engage young people in the democratic process! This program advocates for the interests of area youth, provides a forum for matters affecting young people and offers students with an inside look at the inner workings of our nation's government.



APPLY TODAY

High school students who are serious about solving pressing issues facing young Americans and making a positive impact in their communities are welcome to apply by **October 31!**



Students accepted into the cabinet meet with Congressman Clay to participate in legislative discussions, lectures with guest speakers and community service events. Participants meet once a month starting in December 2019 through May 2020.

Tentative schedule is listed below.

December 2019 | Welcome Members-Annual Inauguration Ceremony

January 2020 | Exclusive tour of the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Federal Courthouse, providing the opportunity to learn about the judicial branch

February 2020 | Engage with public elected officials and interact with guest speakers at Youth Talk Politics & Pizza.

March 2020 | Tour the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, hear from financial literacy experts on scholarships and more.

April 2020 | Community Service Project-Clean Sweep with Better Family Life

May 2020 | Do you have what it takes to be a spy? Meet with experts at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA), learn about GEOINT, and more.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Any outstanding high school student may apply to the Congressional Youth Cabinet.

- Students must reside or attend a high school in Missouri's 1st District.
- Applicants must be a sophomore, junior or senior at the time of application, and should have a minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA.
- Candidates must complete the application, waiver, and agreement form.
- Applicants must answer two essay questions and submit two letters of recommendation. Essay questions and recommendation guidelines are listed in the Frequently Asked Questions Section.
- Application materials must be postmarked by the deadline date. Apply by October 31, 2019.
- Mail completed applications to:
Office of Congressman Wm. Lacy Clay
Attn: Congressional Youth Cabinet
6830 Gravois Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63116

MEMBER REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS

It is important to note that members' participation is vital to the program, and attendance is considered and reviewed on a monthly basis.

While we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, students need to let the Congressman and his staff know well in advance if they will not be able to participate in social and academic activities planned for members. One or more unexcused absence will result in an automatic suspension.

LEARN MORE

We know the application process can be a little overwhelming. We are here to help!

- Check out our Frequently Asked Questions
- For questions not covered in the FAQs section, contact us at (314) 669-9393 or email jasmina.hadzic@mail.house.gov.

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