

Englewood Quality of Life Youth Action Council

The Youth Action Council (YAC) was developed as a pilot for the 2017-2018 school year. It is a year-round civic leadership program for 20 high-school students tied to the Englewood Neighborhood. YAC was formed to be a leadership body throughout the Englewood community for teens, but the scope of this work will be explored and defined by its 2017 participants.

We believe this program to be essential to our Englewood Quality of Life work because the youth in our community are stakeholders and our legacy. This is an enriching, hands-on, learning experience designed to get youth involved in their community. We understand that youth involvement and leadership are integral to our program.

So, what does this program look like?

Students will dedicate 5 hours per week throughout the fall, broken up into two sessions, where they will meet and do educational units related to community development and our Englewood Quality of Life Plan (EQLP) efforts. Topics include: policy, community organizing, urban planning, marketing, health & wellness, education & youth, housing & public spaces, jobs & economic development, and public safety.

In the spring, students will break up into groups of four and each take on an EQLP Wellness area and issue to solve. They will design their own research projects, come to conclusions, and begin execution by the end of the term. They will then showcase their findings and in the summer will work to implement solutions.

The term for the fall sessions is October – December and spring is February - May. Session locations will rotate and a schedule will be released upon acceptance into the program.

****This opportunity does come with a stipend during the months of participation.****

Who can apply?

High-school students who are freshmen, sophomores, or juniors that live in Englewood or go to school in Englewood are eligible to participate.

What are the YAC requirements?

- Participate on an annual basis in Fall, Spring, and Summer programming.
- Attend weekly YAC sessions on Wednesdays at 4:30pm and Saturdays at 11am, totaling 5 hours per week, throughout the Fall.
- Be present during sessions and give 100% energy each week.
- Be the youth voice to inform the work of the Englewood Quality of Life Plan.
- Be the representative for your school/community to the Youth Action Council

Application Process

1. Submit the application form by the deadline (September 27, 2017)
2. Participate in an in-person interview with YAC's planning committee (we'll reach out to you!)
3. Stay tuned for announcement of new members on October 1, 2017

Programming begins Oct. 4, 2017!

YAC will be a dynamic leadership space where members will engage in training and skill-building, contribute to community decision-making and also have opportunities for developing their own projects that support the EQLP's mission, vision, and work! We look forward to your application!

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2017-2018 YAC Members will be announce October 1st, 2017

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If you have any questions or concerns about the application, please call (773) 488-6600 and ask for Morgan Malone or Lynette Hazzard. You can also email Morgan at mmalone@teamworkenglewood.org.

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