

# YOUTH AMBASSADORS

## program

Are you a high school or college student eager to make a tangible difference in your community and gain invaluable insights into the workings of local government? Look no further!

We are thrilled to announce the 2026 cycle of our highly anticipated Youth Ambassadors Program, designed to empower the next generation of civic-minded individuals!

At the YAP, you'll immerse yourself in local government by participating in library, school, and municipal meetings, and engage in monthly meetings with your YAP cohort.

**APPLY NOW!**

### Application Period

November 3rd - December 15th, 2025

### Program Duration

January 12th - June 15th, 2026

*\*77th District residency preferred, but not required\**



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**NORMA HERNANDEZ**  
77th District

# WHY JOIN THE YAP?

## Guest Speaker Series

Interact with elected officials and community leaders, gaining insights into public service and policy-making. Ask questions and share ideas.

## Immersive Shadowing Opportunities

Experience legislative office operations firsthand, understanding policy development and community initiatives.

## Impactful Community Projects

Collaborate on real-world projects addressing local issues like environmental sustainability and educational outreach. Turn passion into action!

## As a Youth Ambassador, you will:

- **Develop a deeper understanding of local government operations**
- **Build a network with like-minded peers and community leaders**
- **Enhance your public speaking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills**
- **Receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program**



## QUESTIONS?

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