METRO YOUTH ADVOCATES 2020

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

January 28  March 24
February 4   April 7
February 18  April 14
February 25  April 21

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. 11th
Learn more and apply at: www.kyymca.org/nya
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 Cheyenne Jones at cheyenne@kyymca.org