



Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council

Council
Application Packet

2011

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Council Officers

Kaitlyn Walker, Chair
Timothy Wright Jr., Vice Chair
Morgan Weller, Secretary



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you for your interest in joining the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (ILYAC). The ILYAC was founded by HEA 1162 in 2008. The council consists of twenty-two Indiana youth, ages sixteen through twenty-two from across the state. The council is responsible for submitting at least one annual report to the Indiana General Assembly on issues pertaining to youth and young adults across the state. Members are chosen through an appointment process. Certain elected officials receive appointments for the council. This application will be submitted to those elected officials with nominating power. The applicants selected for nomination will be notified as soon as the selection has been made. Appointees can serve either one or two year terms with a two term limit.

Members of the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (ILYAC) have general responsibilities to attend council meetings during their time term on the council. The council meets three to six times each year, with meetings being held in the Indianapolis area. Applicants need to ensure that he or she will have a stable form of transportation to attend meetings throughout the year. Financial assistance for transportation is available.

Attendance at all meetings is mandatory in order to retain membership on the council. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis. Applicants need to be between the ages of sixteen and twenty at the time of nomination. Applicants should be informed about and interested in Indiana state politics, as the primary focus of this council is to serve as an advocate for Indiana youth at the state level. Applicants should consider the time requirement for membership on this council to be upwards of 100 hours per year.

The current council is looking forward to receiving new appointments on the council. Best of luck with your application!

Kaitlyn Walker

Kaitlyn Walker, Chair
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SECTION A: SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

School Phone: (____) ____ - ____ School Fax: (____) ____ - ____ Zip Code: _____

SECTION B: APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Middle Name ^(Optional): _____ Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Age: ____ Grad Year: _____

Zip Code: _____ County: _____ Gender: Male Female

Contact Email: _____

Please write an email that you check regularly.

Best/Preferred Method of Contact ^(Please check all that apply):

Via Text Message Via Phone (In The Morning) Via Phone (In the Afternoon) E-Mail

SECTION C: PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Relationship: Mother Father Grandparent Legal Guardian

Other: _____

Parent/Guardian Work Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: (____) ____ - ____

Parent/Guardian Contact Email: _____

Please write an email that is checked regularly.

SECTION D: SHORT RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Please complete your responses on a separate document. All responses should be typed so that they are easily reviewable by our council. If you sending your application electronically your document file name should match the following format:

[FirstName][LastName]-ILYAC Application SRQ-2011

Example: JohnDoe-ILYAC Application SRQ-2011

All responses should also meet the following criteria:

1. Responses should be in complete sentences.
2. Response should have no grammar or spelling mistakes.
3. Response should be at least one (1) paragraph in length, but no bigger than two (2) paragraphs in length.

Question 1: What do you think is the biggest issue that affects the youth in Indiana?

Question 2: What do you consider to be your most rewarding accomplishment and why? This could be event you organized or in, community service, or a cause you advocated for.

Question 3: Describe a significant interest or experience that has special meaning for you and why.



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SECTION E: ESSAY QUESTION/PROMPT

As a council we are expected to be able to look at issues that affect Indiana's youth, find a standpoint and/or platform and speak on behalf of Indiana's youth. Our formal way of doing so is through writing. Through this essay question we hope to get an idea on how well you are able to explain yourself through writing. Similar to the ISTEP, you are expected to write an essay and explain your point of view on the issue below. Your essay should include an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. Your essay should also address the issue at hand, has no grammar or spelling mistakes, and should at least be three (3) paragraphs in length but no more than five (5) paragraphs. *Note: Five paragraphs is the preferred length for this essay.*

Please complete your response to one of the following essay prompts on a separate document. Your response should be typed so that they can be easily reviewed by the council. If you are sending your application electronically your document file name should match the following format:

[FirstName][LastName]-ILYAC Application EP[InsertQuestionNumber]-2011

Example: JohnDoe-ILYAC Application EP1-2011

Essay Prompt One:

Occasionally, students in schools are allowed to advance to the next grade even though they have not successfully achieved mastery of the academic standards for the lower grade. Advocates of "social promotion" think that keeping a child in a grade for longer than a year hurts his or her development and self-esteem. Write an essay stating your opinion on this issue, making sure to support your opinion with convincing reasons. Including scientific studies, surveys, and expert opinions to support your opinion will be beneficial.

Essay Prompt Two:

It is a common idea that a leader should never apologize for his or her actions because it is a sign of weakness. For a leader not to apologize or to show remorse is easier to do because he or she is denying his or her shortcoming, or choosing to ignore the issue. What is your view of the idea that to apologize is a sign of weakness? Write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Including scientific studies, surveys, and expert opinions to support your opinion will be beneficial.

Essay Prompt Three:

According to the National Institute of Health, about 64% of Americans are overweight or obese. The obesity issue has ignited various debates and accusations over who is responsible for this health crisis. Lawsuits against fast food chains, such as McDonald's, lay the blame for an individual's weight gain on the door step of the restaurants, who aggressively advertise, especially to young people, and offer a menu of fat-filled items guaranteed to make you "happy" and satisfied at a low price.

The other side of the debate is expressed in the following quote: "Obesity has much to do with our own choices. Changing how we think about food would be a good first step toward improving how we eat, exercise, and take care of ourselves and those around us." Do you think that restaurants should be held responsible for an individual's weight gain? Write an essay in which you voice your viewpoint on this issue. Including scientific studies, surveys, and expert opinions to support your opinion will be beneficial.



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SECTION F: SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest and applying to be the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council or ILYAC for short.

All applications must be received by September 30th, 2011 for consideration for current positions, but please continue to submit applications for positions that will be available beginning July 2011. We ask that you submit the application via email using the following information:

To: contact@inyouthcouncil.org

Subject: ATTN Appointment Committee, ILYAC Application 2011

You're also welcome to send your application via US Postal Services using the following mailing address:

Indiana Bar Foundation

ATTN: Lauren Hendrickson, ILYAC Application

230 East Ohio Street, Suite 400

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2160

Please take into consideration that sending your application via email will allow your application & responses to be received and filled for council review much quicker than if mailed through the US Postal Service.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your application, please use this checklist to make sure that you include all of the following documentation. Also, please be sure to review all your work before sending it.

1. Page 2 of application completed. (Section A – C)
2. Separate Page with Section D. Responses, typed and headed using the following format:
FirstName LastName
ILYAC Application 2011
Section D: Short Response Questions
3. Separate Page with Section E. Essay Response, typed and headed using the following format:
FirstName LastName
ILYAC Application 2011
Section E: Essay Prompt
4. Resume *(Please note that the resume should include achievements, positions held in the community, etc.)*

NOTE: *Your application will not be complete until we have received the nomination letter from the member of the Indiana General Assembly or Governor's office who is appointing you. They do not have to be submitted at the same time, however, this application form and your essay should be submitted together.*

QUESTIONS? Contact us at contact@inyouthcouncil.org