

YLDC Application Information

General Information:

- Students desiring to attend the AACS Youth Legislative Development Conference (YLDC) *must* apply through their State Association Office. State offices will review applications and will determine which students to nominate from their state and will submit those nominations on the State Nomination Form to the AACS Washington Office. Nomination forms must be received by the AACS Washington Office by **Monday, April 6, 2026**.
- Nominations to the AACS Washington Office must include the following:
 1. **State Nomination Form:** This can be downloaded from the AACS website. Please list students with the priority number that you would like them to be considered.
 2. **Short essay:** A paragraph written by the student describing why he would like to attend the YLDC.
 3. **Letter of Recommendation:** Written by a teacher or administrator for each student nominated.
- Final selections will be made by the AACS Washington Office. Students will be notified by letter that they have been selected to attend the YLDC and must complete the following steps to confirm their attendance:
 1. **Fill out the Registration Form** included with the acceptance letter.
 2. **Mail** the completed Registration Form with a **\$25 processing fee** and all applicable **transportation fees** (see YLDC Fact Sheet) to AACS Washington Office, ATTN: YLDC Registration, 119 C Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.
- The AACS office will notify state associations of the status of all the nominations they submitted.

Students:

- **Step One:** Interested students should ask their school administrator or government teacher for an application form or use the YLDC Nomination Form from the AACS website.
- **Step Two:** Complete the application form and write a short paragraph essay (about 100 words) on why you would like to attend the YLDC and any previous political experience.
- **Step Three:** Submit the application form and the short essay to your teacher. Your teacher/administrator may complete your application by adding his comments and a letter of recommendation. Send the completed application and essay to the State Association Office. Applications are due in the state office by **Monday, March 30, 2026**.

Schools/Teacher/Administrators:

- **Step One:** Check with your state association office for the required materials to complete the application. The application process varies by state, so be sure to complete the process and paperwork required by your state association.
- **Step Two:** Be sure each student applying has a completed application form, a short essay, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator.
- **Step Three:** Send the form, essay, and recommendation letter to your state association office. Applications are due in the state office **Monday, March 30, 2026**.

State Associations:

- **Step One:** Gather all materials from each candidate from each school.
- **Step Two:** Determine the priority order that you would like students to be considered by using the YLDC Nomination Form (from AACS website).
- **Step Three:** Email all materials (State Association YLDC Nomination Form, Letters of Recommendation, and Essays) to osummers@aac.org or mail to the AACS Washington Office, ATTN: YLDC, 119 C Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, by **Monday, April 6, 2026**.

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