



## Youth Advisory Council Application

The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) provides youth perspectives and creative input to strengthen the River Museum's programs, events, visitor experience, and mission-driven initiatives. YAC members also serve as ambassadors and role models at community events.

- **Application deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Paper applications: NMRMA West box office (350 East 3rd Street, Dubuque, IA)
  - Digital applications can be emailed to Erin Martin, Director of Education ([emartin@rivermuseum.org](mailto:emartin@rivermuseum.org))
- Application requirements:
  - **Section 1: Youth Applicant Information**
  - **Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information**
  - **Section 3: Teacher or Adult Leader Recommendation**
- **Notification of Youth Advisory Council members: May 18th**
  - Director of Education will notify all applicants with a phone call to the primary parent/guardian + email to the parent/guardian & student (if provided)

### Section 1: Youth Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

As the applicant, what is the preferred way to contact you or give you information?

Provide your preferred contact information (guardian's phone, school email, etc.):



*Please answer the following questions to the best of your abilities so we understand who you are!*

1. **Why do you want to join the Youth Advisory Council [YAC]? What do you hope to learn, gain, or experience by being a YAC member?**
  
2. **How much time would you like to commit to YAC each month?**  
 1–2 hours       3–5 hours       6+ hours
  
3. **What do you do in your free time? What are some of your likes, dislikes, or favorite things?**
  
4. **What are you good at? What skills or strengths would you share with YAC?**
  
5. **What previous experiences do you have with school clubs, activities, group projects, volunteering, or working with a team?**
  
6. **What issues, problems, or topics affecting kids, animals, or your community are important to you?**



**7. Potential conflicts & recurring commitments during June 2026- May 2027:**

List any potential recurring time commitments (Robotics club on Tuesdays after school, weekly piano practice, Spring Soccer, I typically babysit Saturday mornings 10:00-11:30 AM, etc.)

List dates or potential conflicts that might occur (family vacation, out of town during holidays, etc.)

## Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

As the primary parent/guardian, what is the preferred way to contact you?

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way for us to communicate with your applicant or pass information to them?

\_\_\_\_\_

As the primary parent/guardian, would you prefer to be included in all YAC communication?

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency or Secondary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Why do you believe this young person would be a good fit for the Youth Advisory Council?**





## Section 3: Teacher or Adult Leader Recommendation

YAC applicants must ask a Teacher, Coach, or Adult Leader for a recommendation. The Adult Leader can complete the form below or indicate their support for the applicant by contacting Erin Martin, Director of Education (563-557-9545 ext. 235 or [emartin@rivermuseum.org](mailto:emartin@rivermuseum.org)).

Adult Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Phone contact information:

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1. What is your relationship to the applicant?

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2. How long have you known the applicant?

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3. Do you think this applicant will make a strong Youth Advisory Council member? Why or why not?

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