



Youth in Governance Program 2026-2027 Application

Youth Applicant Contact Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Current Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _(____)_____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

1. Rank the top 5 Calumet County committees you're interested in from 1 to 5 (1= greatest interest, 5 = least interest)

___ **Administrative Services Committee** - Ever wonder who helps make sure the county runs smoothly behind the scenes? The Administrative Services Committee does just that! This group helps manage the county's money, people, and resources. They review budgets, track spending, and help decide how funds are used. They also help set policies for county jobs—like pay, benefits, and workplace rules—and review new positions and job roles. The committee works with departments like Finance, Human Resources, IT, Emergency Management, and Economic Development. They also help oversee county property, technology, insurance, grants, and records. Overall, this committee helps make smart decisions so county services stay organized, fair, and effective.

___ **Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee** - The ADRC Advisory Committee helps make sure older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers get the support they need to live well in the community. This group listens to feedback, spots unmet needs, and helps guide programs like transportation, nutrition, and long-term care services. Committee members speak up for fairness and access, help plan for the future, and work with county leaders to improve services. Overall, they help make sure everyone—no matter their age or ability—has access to helpful, respectful, and inclusive resources.

___ **Extension Education Committee** - The Extension Education Committee helps make sure Extension programs—like 4-H—are reaching youth and families across Calumet County. This group looks at what programs are currently offered, figures out where there may be gaps, and helps find ways to expand access so more people can get involved. They use information like membership data and maps to understand who is being served and who might be missing out. The committee also reviews the Extension budget and shares feedback with county leaders. While they don't make final decisions, they play an important advisory role in helping Extension programs grow and improve.

___ **Land & Water Conservation Committee** - The Land and Water Committee helps protect the county's natural resources—like soil, water, lakes, and farmland. This group works with the Land and Water Conservation Department to support conservation efforts and make sure environmental programs are running effectively. They review budgets, help guide policies, and listen to concerns from landowners when special environmental issues come up. Overall, the committee helps balance caring for the environment with supporting farming, land use, and the health of local waterways.

___ **Public Safety Committee** - The Public Safety Committee helps keep the community safe and the justice system running smoothly. This group works with departments like the Sheriff's Office, courts, and emergency services to review budgets and make sure resources are being used wisely. They also check in on the county jail at least once a year to make sure it is clean, safe, and following the law. Overall, the committee helps oversee important public safety services that protect people and support fairness in the county.

___ **Highway Committee** - The Highway Committee helps keep county roads safe and in good condition. This group makes decisions about road construction and maintenance, including what equipment to buy and whether work is done by county crews or outside contractors. They also help manage how state and county funds are used for road projects and review the Highway Department's budget. Overall, the committee helps make sure transportation across the county stays safe, efficient, and reliable.

___ **Planning, Zoning, & Farmland Conservation Committee** - The Planning, Zoning, and Farmland Preservation Committee helps guide how land is used in the county—now and in the future. This group reviews plans for housing, farmland, parks, transportation, and community spaces to make sure growth is organized, fair, and sustainable. They work with county planners to review important documents and programs, help protect farmland and natural resources, and make recommendations about development. Overall, the committee helps shape communities that are safe, livable, and ready for the future.

___ **Human Services Board** - The Health & Human Services Board helps support the health and well-being of people in the county. This group looks at community health needs and helps guide programs that support public health, mental health, family services, home health care, hospice, and veteran services. They help set policies, review budgets, and work with county departments to make sure services are safe, effective, and accessible. Overall, the board plays a key role in helping create a community where people can stay healthy, get support when they need it, and thrive.

2. Why are you interested in being a youth representative on the Calumet County committees and why should you be considered for this position?

3. How would you benefit from serving on a Calumet County Board committee?

4. How would the Calumet County Board and the community benefit from your representation on a county committee?

5. Please note any leadership positions you have held OR leadership skills that you hope to develop.

6. Please describe any scheduling conflicts you may have (Monday through Friday, religion meetings, etc.)

7. Reference: This can be someone who is a member of the community or a teacher at your school. Put their name, email address, and phone number, as well as their job title and who they are to you. This cannot be a friend, parent, or guardian.

Permission and Signatures

****If you require reasonable accommodation to participate in the program and/or meetings due to a disability, please contact the Extension Calumet County office in advance of the interviews. Please note that transportation will not be provided.**

****Please note that photographers/videographers will be taking videos and pictures of Youth in Governance representatives. Extension Calumet County will use these videos and pictures in a manner consistent with Extension's mission. Your attendance at these events indicates your consent for your image to be recorded and used in this manner.**

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, Parent/Guardian, approve participation for the youth stated above, if selected, in all components of the Youth Governance Program, including their participation in the completion of a final program evaluation.

I grant the University of WI Board of Regents and University of Wisconsin-Madison (hereinafter University) the right to use, publish and copyright my child's image (including audio, moving image or photograph) for educational programs, websites and promotion of university programs. The university adheres to all federal and state laws associated with this use.

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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6/26/2026 AT: Calumet County Youth in Governance**

University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension-Calumet County, 206 Court St, Chilton, WI 53014

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