



**Winnebago County Board Chairman Joseph Chiarelli** and **City of Rockford Mayor Thomas McNamara** have partnered with the Winnebago County Health Department to establish this youth leadership council with the goal of building leaders today and retaining the leaders of the future.

We need your help in recruiting high school aged students to serve on the Youth Leadership Council. Students may come from public or private high schools in Winnebago County, including Rockford, Loves Park, Machesney Park, Roscoe, Rockton, South Beloit, Winnebago, Durand, Pecatonica, New Milford and Cherry Valley.

To become and stay a member of the Youth Leadership Council, students must be:

- Sophomores or juniors in high school (returning members may be seniors)
- Interested in learning more about leadership, public policy, community health, and local government
- Able to attend and participate in at least 70% (11 out of 15) Young Leadership Council meetings
- Self-starters with the potential to develop into future leaders of our community

As a member of the Council, students should expect to participate in the following types of activities:

1. **Advisory Meetings:** The Council has interactive, educational sessions focusing on serious community issues such as substance abuse, family violence, public safety, mental health, and other public policy matters. The sessions include discussion with the Mayor and Chairman on the issue presented. Meetings will be hosted by the Chairman and Mayor at their administrative offices in downtown Rockford. An advance schedule will be provided.
2. **Project Meetings:** The Council members will engage in community projects related to the advisory meeting issues discussed. The Council may also consider projects of their own conception.
3. **Special Events:** Members will be invited to serve as volunteers and/or honorees at community meetings and events.

**Who can nominate a young leader?** Nominations will be accepted from teachers, principals, coaches, community leaders, elected officials or any person/agency who works with youth. *Nominations by immediate family members are not accepted.*

The Winnebago County Health Department will be accepting and reviewing applications and nominations until the **extended deadline of September 30, 2024**. Please direct application or nomination questions to [prevention@publichealth.wincoil.gov](mailto:prevention@publichealth.wincoil.gov), or call and ask to speak to a YLC Council Facilitator at (815) 720-4000.



**Nomination Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Signature:

Date:

Nominator Phone:

Email:



**About the nominee:**

What makes this student a leader amongst their peers?

What do you believe the student will gain by participating in the Council?

What do you believe the student will contribute to the Council?



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