

# MINISTER'S Youth Council

## Message from the Minister

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As Minister of Education, I get lots of advice from adults about Alberta's education system, but I am missing a critical voice at the table: Your voice. The voice of students.

“ Are you passionate about and willing to share your experience, knowledge, and skills to improve education in the province of Alberta?

Do you believe your voice can help improve the learning experiences of students?

Are you interested in a provincial leadership opportunity that will serve you well in your future career? ”

I am looking for approximately 32 junior and senior high school students to provide that voice as part of a Minister's Youth Council. MYC will provide input on education initiatives, and share their perspectives on what Alberta's education system needs to do to prepare Alberta students for success.

Students will be selected to ensure I have a council with diverse range of interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta.

By working together, we can build on our existing education system and continually improve the learning experience for students across the province. If you think you have what it takes to participate in this important work, I look forward to receiving your application.



Honourable David Eggen  
Minister of Education

**2018-2019 Minister's Youth Council Application Package**  
**Student and Parent/ Legal Guardian Personal Information - This section must be completely filled in. Alberta Education, for the purposes of the Minister's Youth Council Application Package, will collect consent in electronic format.**

The personal information collected on this form is collected pursuant to section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RSA 2000, C. F-25)*. This information will be used to select members of the Minister's Youth Council and administer the Minister's Youth Council program, including communicating with nominees and members of the Minister's Youth Council. If selected for the Minister's Youth Council, the personal information provided may be used by Alberta Education to create a personal profile that will be disclosed publically via newsletters, websites, and social media. Questions or inquiries regarding the collection and use and disclosure of your personal information may be directed to the Engagement Manager, Strategic Engagement Branch, 2nd Floor, 10044 -108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 or by telephone at 780-638-3153. (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

Surname		Preferred Name(s)	
Primary Contact Number		Secondary Contact Number	
E-Mail Address			
Home Address:			
City/Town	Province	Postal Code	
School		School Authority	
Age (as of September 1, 2018)		Grade (as of September 1, 2018)	
Surname (Parent/ Legal Guardian)		First Name (Parent/ Legal Guardian)	
Phone Number (1)		Email Address (1)	
Phone Number (2)		Email Address (2)	

**Parent/Guardian Authorization and Declaration:**

- I confirm that I am the parent/legal guardian of the child identified above.
- I confirm the information provided by my child in this Application Package is accurate, complete, and truthful.
- I have read and understand the Minister’s Youth Council Frequently Asked Questions.
- I consent to my child participating in the application process for the Minister’s Youth Council.
- I understand that if my child is selected to participate in the Minister’s Youth Council, Alberta Education will work with my child to create a public profile that will be limited to my child’s name, grade, hometown, school district, photo, and a brief description of my child’s skill set. This public profile will be shared publically by Alberta Education through department newsletters, websites, and social media accounts to promote and advertise the Minister’s Youth Council and its activities. I further understand that a Media Release form will be required prior to my child's public profile being disclosed by Alberta Education.

Please specify your relationship. I am the child's

- Parent
- Legal Guardian

Signature

Date

## Student Application

To help us in making a decision as to your suitability for the 2018-19 Minister's Youth Council, please tell us about yourself. Please remember:

- The more complete your answer, the better able we can learn if you would be a great contributing member.
- We are looking for a broad range of interests, experiences, identities, backgrounds, talents and perspectives, so give us your best!
- **Each question has a 2000 character limit.**

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### Community:

Why do you think it is important that individuals of all ages contribute to their communities in a positive way?

Tell us about your efforts to create positive change in your community (this may include: mentorship, tutoring, supporting those in need).

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**Critical thinking and problem solving:**

Tell us about a time when you were faced with a problem or issue at your school or in your community. What was the situation, what were you worried about, who were the key players, what was your role to help and how was the problem solved?

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**Vision:**

Given your experiences and talents, please let us know why you would like to be on the council.

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**Strategic thinking and planning:**

Tell us about a time when you encountered a challenge and how you dealt with the problems and opportunities that were created by the challenge. (This may include: unexpected schedule changes, work being criticized, planning an event, helping with budgeting, planning for potential difficulties, etc.).

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**Leadership and teamwork:**

If you are chosen to be a member of the council, what skills, experiences and perspectives would you bring? What do you want to see changed in the education system?