

## **Wisconsin Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission: Youth Member Summary**

The Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission (GJJC) is the State Advisory Group (SAG) for Wisconsin and works with Wisconsin Department of Justice to implement the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). The Commission looks to support youth across Wisconsin and improve the juvenile justice system. The Commission recommends policies to the governor and state legislature and advocates for more and better programs and services for youth.

Commissioners are people from diverse backgrounds: rural, urban, government agency workers, nonprofit staff, community advocates, and law enforcement officials. Commissioners can be young people (under 28 years of age), especially young people who are or have been involved in the juvenile justice system. Youth Commissioners' insight about what they need and what works are essential to the Commission's work. This insight makes better policy.

Serving as a Youth Commissioner is an honor. As a member of the Commission, youth input and voting power is equal to every other Commissioner. Youth Commissioners have the same responsibilities as every other commissioner.

### Responsibilities:

- Attend virtual quarterly meetings
- Take part in at least one subcommittee
- Make and vote on motions
- Bring your unique perspective, knowledge, and experience to the table

### Privileges

- Compensation for attending meetings
- Representing Wisconsin at national conferences or meetings
- Building your resume
- Receive letters of recommendations from commissioners for school or employment
- Make your voice heard
- Learn about government
- Gain leadership experience

For a full description of the roles and responsibilities of the Commission as a whole and Commissioners individually, please explore the [GJJC Member Handbook](#). The Coalition for Juvenile Justice [Youth SAG Manual](#) has even more information about State Advisory Groups and youth's roles.

If you are interested in becoming a Youth Commissioner, please contact Kiley Komro for more information or apply directly via the [Governor's Apply to Serve webpage](#).

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