



To: Institutions of Higher Education
From: Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
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Subject: Inaugural NJ Legislative Youth Council: Call for Applications

In January 2022, Governor Murphy signed into law [P.L. 2021, c.398](#), which established the New Jersey Legislative Youth Council (Council). The purpose of the Council is to advise the Legislature and all its committees, commissions, and task forces focused on the needs and welfare of New Jersey's youth. Additionally, it is charged with researching and making policy recommendations on various issues, such as civics education, gun violence, the environment, youth services and safety, and more.

The three legislators of each legislative district will jointly appoint one public member to the Council based on applications submitted by district residents. Council appointees will serve two-year terms. Applicants are required to have been residents of New Jersey for 15 years and must be between the ages of 15 and 23 at the time of appointment.

Please consider sharing this opportunity with your students. **Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply immediately** and should refer to their respective legislator's district office for guidance, as appointments to the Council must be made by January 8, 2023.

The application sample, promotional flyer, and social media graphic are attached to this broadcast. Questions or concerns regarding the application process can be directed to the student's local legislator – the individual(s) representing the town in which the student permanently resides. Contact information for each district office can be found at <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts>.