

Youth Engagement Proposal

Board of County Commissioners
May 5, 2026



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Agenda

- Youth Engagement Programs
- County and Regional Youth Engagement Programs
- Recommendations
- Next Steps



Youth Engagement Programs



**Youth Advisory
Boards/Councils**



**Youth on Boards &
Commissions**



Youth Forums



Youth Internships



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County & Regional Youth Engagement Programs

County Youth Engagement

- A/D Works! – *Youth Program*
- AC Public Health – *Advisory Board & Internship*
- AC Coroner’s Office – *Internship*
- AC IT Department – *Internship*
- AC Sheriff’s Office – *Explorer's*
- County Volunteer Opportunities

Regional Youth Engagement

- City of Aurora – *Youth Academy*
- Jefferson County – *Internship*
- City of Littleton – *Advisory Board*
- Boulder County – *Advisory Board*
- Douglas County – *Youth Commission*
- City and County of Denver – *Youth Council*



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Recommendations

Arapahoe County Commissioners'
Office Youth Internship Program

Structured Engagement for High
School Youth



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Arapahoe County Commissioners' Office Youth Internship Program

- **Program Start:** Fall 2026
- **Position Title:** Fall Student Intern – Commissioners' Office
- **Department/Office:** Commissioners' Office
- **Location:** 5334 S Prince St., Littleton, CO
- **Position Type:** Part-Time, Temporary (Internship)
- **Salary:** \$19/hr.
- **Reports To:** Management Analyst III, Commissioners' Office
- **Time Commitment:** 10-12 weeks, may be adjusted based on need



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Program Overview



- **Ideal Candidate:** An Undergraduate or Graduate student interested in pursuing a career in the public sector.
- **Program Goal:** Gain a better understanding of county government operations through time-bound project-based work.
- **Program Timeline:**
 - Week 1-2: Onboarding and introduction to project
 - Week 3: County Government 101
 - Week 4-6: Research
 - Week 7-9: Analysis
 - Week 10-12: Drafting & Presentation



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Duties

- Conduct research and/or analysis on specific projects or priorities, as assigned.
- Draft briefing memo on assigned project that outlines findings and/or outcomes.
- Attend public meetings, community events, and internal briefings as appropriate and available during tenure.
- Organize and maintain any research, records, and databases.
- Deepen understanding of County functions and responsibilities.



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Qualifications

- Must be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university, preferably studying political science, public administration, communications, or a related field.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in a professional environment.
- Interest in government, community service, and public affairs.



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Structured Engagement for High School Youth

Many AP Civics and Government classes require students to participate or observe a local government meeting. To support that, we recommend creating a pamphlet that outlines how to engage with public meeting at the County and provide structured engagement opportunities specifically for high school students.

Civics is a course requirement for Colorado youth graduating from high school (22-1-104 (3)(a) C.R.S.).



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Next Steps

- **May-August** – Develop project list
- **May** – Begin public messaging and finalize application/process
- **May-June** – Application process
- **June** – Review applications and select intern
- **September** – Begin Internship & Publish HS Civics Guide



Discussion/Questions



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