

Colorado Young Advocates Program – Spring 2019

Young Invincibles (“YI”) is accepting applications for our 2019 Spring Young Advocates program in Denver, Colorado! The Young Advocates program is a unique, paid leadership development program that trains young adults ages 16 to 34 on ways to address health disparities and mental health stigma in our communities.

Advocates will work closely with our YI Rocky Mountain team to engage their communities around mental wellness and behavioral health initiatives. Participants will work in small teams to create and implement campaigns to reduce mental health stigma for students of color on college campuses. Advocates will also learn about topics relating to health coverage and social determinants of health; receive trainings and hands-on experience in a variety of advocacy tools; and connect with local partners and campaigns working on the issues they care about.

This is a great opportunity to develop skills and experience in the core functions of advocacy and public policy work. We are seeking applicants who have a passion for YI’s mission and who are interested in building power among young adults to effect positive change.

If you are a young adult interested in becoming more civically engaged, we invite you to apply at <https://tinyurl.com/y75xe2wy>. **Applications are due Friday, November 30, 2018 at midnight.**

Program Overview

Advocates will meet all day on **Fridays from January 18 – May 10, 2019** in downtown Denver.

At the weekly meetings, Advocates will receive training on community organizing, policy advocacy, and strategic communications skills. In addition, each participant will create a campaign plan to reduce mental health stigma on college campuses for students of color. Participants will be asked to 1) conduct background research, 2) organize a campus or community event, and 3) advocate for institution-level policy changes.

Compensation

Young Advocates will be paid a rate of **\$15.00 per hour** for approximately 100 hours of training and work on group projects over the course of the program.

Qualifications

- Must show willingness and ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- Must have the ability to work in a professional environment and show maturity in the

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- Must actively participate in the community
- Must be creative, have initiative and able to work in a fast paced environment
- A college degree or current college enrollment are not required to participate

Application

To apply to be a Young Advocate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y75xe2wv>. The application has six questions and takes 15-20 minutes to complete. The deadline to apply is Friday, November 30th, 2018 at midnight MT.

For further information, contact Cameron Vigil, YI's Rocky Mountain Organizing Coordinator at Cameron.Vigil@younginvincibles.org

About Young Invincibles

Young Invincibles is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to engage young adults ages 18 to 34 in the political process and expand economic opportunity for our generation. Founded by and for young adults in the summer of 2009 during the debate over health care reform, YI has quickly grown into a leading voice for young people on the broader spectrum of economic justice, with a focus in the issue areas of health care, higher education, and economic security. The organization has achieved major successes in areas ranging from the regulation of college health plans to Pell grants, and has successfully engaged hundreds of thousands of young adults online, through a network of over 100 partner organizations.

Young Invincibles is an equal employment opportunity employer and strongly encourages diverse candidates to apply. YI does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex (including pregnancy), gender, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, medical condition including genetic characteristics, mental or physical disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, (including transgender status), weight, height, linguistic characteristics (such as accent and limited English proficiency, where not substantially job-related), citizenship status, or any other basis prohibited by law.

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