



Colorado Young Advocates Program – Fall 2021/Spring 2022

Young Invincibles (“YI”) is accepting applications for our Fall 2021/Spring 2022 Young Advocates program. The Young Advocates program is a unique, paid leadership development program that trains young adults ages 18-34 to strengthen their voices across our issue areas while developing skills and gaining experience in the core functions of advocacy and policy work. Advocates build power among young adults to effect positive change in their communities through on-the-ground organizing, such as planning state and local events to educate and facilitate discussions on pressing issues affecting young people.

Advocates will work closely with our YI Rocky Mountain team to engage their communities around behavioral health initiatives, affordable higher education and expanding economic opportunity for young Coloradans. In addition to working in small teams to create and implement campaigns, participants will work closely with our policy and research teams to develop and propose solutions, and will also work with our communications team to amplify stories and messages. Advocates will also 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 who lives in Colorado and you’re interested in becoming more civically engaged, [we invite you to apply here](#). **The application deadline is Sunday, August 1 at 11:59pm M.S.T.**

Program Overview

Advocates will meet virtually via Zoom the majority of Fridays from 9:00AM to 1:00PM from September 10, 2021 to May 6, 2022, with the opportunity to meet in-person in Denver, CO for anticipated events (Program Onboarding, Mid-Program Holiday Party, Day at the Capitol and for Program Graduation).

At the weekly meetings, advocates will receive training on community organizing, policy advocacy, and strategic communications skills. In addition, each participant will help create and execute campaign plans.



As an advocate, you will have accomplished the following by the end of the program:

- Conducted extensive policy research in support of bills advancing CO youth in higher education, healthcare access, racial equity, and workforce development
- Established working relationships with state legislators, stakeholders, and organizational partners
- Gained community outreach and organizing skills - particularly with (vulnerable) Colorado young adults
- Successfully organized YI's annual Advocacy Day and Roundtable Sessions - thereby gaining valuable event-planning experience

Compensation

Young Advocates will be paid a rate of \$15.00 per hour for **~112** hours of training and work on group projects over the course of the nine month 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 workplace
- 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, [click to apply here](#). The application takes about 20 minutes to complete. The deadline to apply is **Sunday, August 1 at 11:59pm M.S.T.** For further information, contact **Cameron Vigil** 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.