

The Youth Advisory Board is a volunteer opportunity for young leaders (ages 18-34) to gain experience in policy, advocacy, and government relations while building your professional network.

As a member, you will help develop Young Invincibles' policy agenda around issues facing young people, such as health care, higher education, and employment – ensuring the final agenda is reflective of real needs and experiences. You will also receive unique opportunities to engage directly with elected officials, speak on behalf of YI at events, and connect with a network of leaders across NY and nationally.

The YAB meets quarterly, with opportunities between meetings to engage in trainings & webinars, community events, and more.

"My experience with Young Invincibles was totally empowering and I felt encouraged to fight for what was right for the people who would go to my alma mater after I graduated.

They taught us how to talk to strategically speak with legislators, push our school to prioritize our treatment as students, and most importantly connect with one another. So often in commuterbased schools, we are focused on our own business that we do not think about how the world affects those around us. Being a Young Advocate pushed me to think outside of the box."



Tanisha Williams NY Youth Advisory Board NY Young Advocates Program Alumna



Help create a policy platform that is reflective of the real needs and experiences of young leaders.



Build government relations experience and having the opportunity to meet with elected officials about issues relevant to their own lives and experience.



Receive opportunities through the Young Invincible network, including building public speaking skills.



Build your network across YI programs and YI national, and access to a community of peers with shared interests

WHAT YOU'll DO



FAQs

Who is a good fit for this program?

This program is the best fit for young New Yorkers ages 18-34 years old who are excited to deepen their policy and advocacy experience with the support of a leading youth advocacy nonprofit.

We are looking for individuals with prior experience or demonstrated interest in policy or advocacy. For example, you may have:

- Participated in another Young Invincibles program
- Volunteered with other advocacy organizations
- Previously given testimony at a government event
- Previously met with elected officials

If you're interested in getting involved but new to policy and advocacy, consider our <u>Young Advocates</u> <u>Program</u>!

What is the time commitment required?

The YAB meets quarterly for 1.5-2 hours, with opportunities between meetings to engage in trainings & webinars, community events, and more. The meeting schedule (days/times) are determined by polling all members.

Do I need to live in New York?

Given the program's focus on New York, to participate you must live, work, or go to school in New York.

Is this just for students?

No! This opportunity is open to young leaders of all backgrounds – whether you've already graduated from a 4-year program or are enrolled in a vocational program, we welcome your application.



WHO WE ARE

Young Invincibles (YI) is a nonprofit policy and advocacy organization committed to creating economic opportunity for young adults ages 18 to 34 by amplifying their voices in the political process and elevating their needs in higher education, health care, workforce, and civic engagement.

We work to build a community of young leaders to take action for social change, provide young adults a platform to share their stories, conduct cutting-edge policy research and analysis, and share tools and resources to support young adults as they make important economic choices and advocate for issues that matter to them.

ISSUES



YOUNG INVINCIBLES' STORY

In the summer of 2009, a group of students founded YI after recognizing that young people's voices were not being heard in the debate over health care reform. We decided to research how young adults experience health care and found that young adults face specific barriers affording quality health insurance. We began sharing these facts with elected officials and also organized our peers to share their personal stories. We firmly believed in young adults' capacity to stand up and make their voices heard, and as our work grew, the opportunity became more apparent. Over the years, YI has expanded from a small group run out of a school cafeteria to a national organization with offices across the country.

Today, we are a passionate and mission-driven team of almost 50 personnel with offices in California, Colorado, Illinois, New York, Texas and D.C., and work with thousands of activists, and hundreds of trained Young Advocates, Youth Advisory Board members, and have the distinguished honor and privilege to serve as a leading national voice for young adults.