

NYCYCI Fellowship Program

NYCYCI is launching an exciting summer fellowship program to provide NYC high school students advocacy training and connect them to experiential learning opportunities at our member organizations. We will be engaging our fellows with NYCYCI independent, hands-on projects to help students turn their ideas into action.

Mission Statement: To provide students with the skills, support and opportunities necessary to be effective student activists. To train the next generation of NYCYCI youth leaders.

Information

NYCYCI will work with students to develop the skills they need in order to become successful activists, and in turn, offer them an opportunity to learn from seminars held by our affiliate organizations. In addition, the NYCYCI team will teach the fellows how to build and manage a coalition of advocacy organizations and launch advocacy related initiatives. They will work on independent NYCYCI hands on projects and events, where they can apply the skills they have learned.

Consistent with our mission to promote sustained civic engagement amongst NYC youth, NYCYCI's fellowship program will enable students to become committed activists for the issues they care about, such as climate justice, education equity, criminal justice and gun reform, and voting rights. In light of the reprehensible actions that led to the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, among many others, this summer we hope to put a special emphasis on ending the racial inequities prevalent within the United States today.

At the end of the program, our fellows will join the NYCYCI leadership team to carry on our advocacy organizing efforts through 2021. Participants will also be compensated for their time with vouchers for a few hundred dollars available at the end of the program.

Student Responsibilities

Fellowship members will have a few responsibilities in this program. First and foremost, they will attend the advocacy seminars put on by our affiliate organizations. This will prepare them well for working on NYCYCI projects this upcoming year. Outside of the weekly presentations from organizations, fellows will do outreach to both organizations and students, issue research, social media, website design, and data management. The fellowship will culminate in a capstone project, where the fellows will create a webinar on topics that they have researched and decided upon. Though the commitment will change from week to week, on average the fellowship will take 3-5 hours each week.

