



Involved in a youth organization? Join the Milwaukee Youth Alliance!

Form must be filled out by a staff member of the organization authorized to join the youth-led Milwaukee Youth Alliance.

Interested in joining the Adult Advisory Board? See the separate form.

Organization Information:

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

Organization President/Executive Director Name: _____

Staff Member/Liason to Milwaukee Youth Alliance

Staff Member name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Possible Youth Representatives at Next Meeting: _____

Expectations of Organization:

- I have read and briefed my organization's leadership on the Constitution of the Milwaukee Youth Alliance.
- The organization will provide a youth-representative (between the ages of 13 and 24) at all scheduled Youth Alliance meetings, though it does not need to be the same youth at every meeting. Other youth may attend meetings but only one must be authorized to vote on behalf of the organization.
- The organization understands that this youth representative will speak and vote within the Milwaukee Youth Alliance on its behalf.
- The organization is willing to support the Milwaukee Youth Alliance with its projects and initiatives in whatever means possible and acceptable by the organization itself.

Signature of Staff Liason: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please return this completed form to the next Milwaukee Youth Alliance meeting on August 6th at 3:00pm, hosted by the VPI at 1801 N. Martin Luther King Dr. Please bring youth interested in becoming a Co-Chair or Co-Secretary, as we will hold elections. You may also scan this completed form and email it to mkeyouthalliance@gmail.com.

Milwaukee Youth Alliance Constitution



Mission Statement

The Milwaukee Youth Alliance (MYA) is a youth-led coalition of groups and individuals working to improve the quality of life for Milwaukee's youth by bridging the divide between existing organizations.

Article I – Organization Membership

1. Criteria of Organization Membership: Any youth-led or youth-serving organization is welcome to join the Milwaukee Youth Alliance, with the adherence of the following:

- The organization is expected to provide a youth-representative at all scheduled Youth Alliance meetings.
- The executive leadership of the member organization should be aware of the organization's participation in the Milwaukee Youth Alliance and understand that youth representatives will speak on behalf of the youth leading or being served by their respective organization.
- Organizations should be willing to support the Milwaukee Youth Alliance with its projects and initiatives in whatever means possible and acceptable by the organization.

2. Membership forms: Organizations can register at any time by filling out a membership form or signing up online.

3. Database of organization projects and resources: For the information of the body, organizations will be asked to disclose current initiatives that could be related to the work of the Youth Alliance.

Article II – Youth Representatives

1. Representatives Sent by Organization: The member organization is responsible for providing a youth representative to all Youth Alliance meetings that will speak on its behalf. The organization can set its own criteria for selection of its own youth representative.

2. Representatives May Be Different at Each Meeting: Youth representatives *do not necessarily* need to be the same individual every meeting.

3. Criteria for Youth Representatives: Youth representatives sent to meetings should be (1) Between the ages of 13-24 years; (2) Well informed of the operations, resources, and objectives of the organization being represented; and (3) Have a connection and influence with the leadership of the organization.

4. Voting Procedures: Each organization is allowed one vote during voting procedures, which is to be cast by the youth representative for that meeting. While organizations can send multiple youth to meetings to provide additional perspectives, only one youth can be the "youth representative" that is allowed to vote for that organization.

5. Equal Opportunity: Youth representative status should be provided by the organization without denial because of race, sex, creed, national origin, disability, economic status, or other status protected under law.

Article III – Youth Officers (Co-Chairs and Secretaries)

1. Description of Officers: Any youth connected with a member organization are allowed to run for the following positions:

- **Co-Chairs (2):** Two co-chairs preside over Youth Alliance meetings, plan meeting agendas, work on recruiting new groups, and are recognized in the community as leaders of the Milwaukee Youth Alliance.
- **Secretaries (2):** Two secretaries are elected to take notes at all meetings and email the minutes to the groups.

2. Commitment and Responsibility: Co-Chairs and Secretaries are expected to attend all MYA meetings and events and be committed to creating a successful Youth Alliance.

3. Terms of Office: The term for both the Co-Chairs and Secretaries is one semester (January 1st to June 15th; and June 16th to December 31st), though all officers may be elected to an unlimited number of terms.

4. Elections: Any youth connected with the organization may run for either position, and do not necessarily need to be the youth representative of the member organization at the meeting of the election. Candidates may give a two minute speech on their background and vision for the organization.

Article IV – Adult Advisory Board

1. Membership of Advisory Board: Any individual, whether connected with a member organization or not, can join the Adult Advisory Board (AAB) of the Milwaukee Youth Alliance if they are above age 18. Adults may join the AAB by filling out an AAB sign-up form.

2. Objective of AAB: The Adult Advisory Board is meant to provide guidance and support to Milwaukee Youth Alliance, not directly having votes within the body, dictating initiatives or crafting public policy.

3. Attendance at MYA Meetings: The Advisory Board should attend all Milwaukee Youth Alliance meetings.

4. AAB Structure: The Adult Advisory Board may create individual procedures for its body, and if needed, have meetings in addition to Youth Alliance meetings.

Article V – Meetings

1. Meeting Structure: Meetings will be facilitated by the Co-Chairs and adhere to some form of an agenda.

2. Location and Meeting Dates: Locations and meeting dates should be determined by the group.