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RACINE COUNTY ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2020-2021 YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE PARTICIPANTS

Yorkville – Do you know a youth who is interested in government? Racine County is currently accepting nominations for student participants in the 2020-2021 Youth in Governance program. This is a great opportunity for students to contribute their voice to community issues while developing their confidence, independence, leadership skills, and civic knowledge by serving on one of five County Board committees.

“Our hope is that these students will hone their skills of observation and participation in the matters of government to become the civic leaders of tomorrow,” said County Supervisor Janet Bernberg, Chairwoman of the Government Services Committee. County Executive Jonathan Delagrave added, “This is about motivating young leaders from all over our County to contribute their talents to public service now and in the future.”

To participate in Youth in Governance, students must:

- Be a Racine County resident;
- Be a high school freshman, sophomore, or junior at the time of application;
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale;
- Be able to attend the monthly meetings, typically occurring once or twice per month;
- Be able to attend orientation in May and a bus tour in June.

The Racine County Board of Supervisors established the Youth in Governance program in 2013. The County Board partners with University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension-Racine County faculty to facilitate the Youth in Governance program.

“We know from research and experience that when youth are engaged in decision making, they become substantial resources for their communities,” said Racine County UW-Extension Area Director Bev Baker. A youth participant stated that “Youth In Governance creates an environment for students to feel confident in their opinions, and to feel safe to voice this opinion. I have never been part of a program where I have felt so empowered to be a leader and to share how I felt on certain issues.”

All youth who are nominated will receive a letter and application materials. Nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2019. Nominations [can be made online here](#) (The nomination form can also be found at <https://tinyurl.com/qnkpagu>). For questions, please contact Extension Racine County at (262) 767-2929 or uwextension@racinecounty.com.

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