

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Facilitators for the Autonomous Youth Council

Background/Introduction: Milwaukee Succeeds is dedicated to advancing education equity. This is achieved through shared decision-making, centering racial justice, and challenging existing systems of power. Students, parents, and caregivers are prioritized in decision-making, and systemic racism is addressed in all discussions. The mission emphasizes anti-racism, community voice, and systemic change.

Youth Forward MKE is leading a city-wide initiative to address educational inequity by empowering youth and amplifying their voices in decision-making processes. As part of this initiative, the Autonomous Youth Council seeks to provide comprehensive training to youth ages 14-24, aiming to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to actively engage in community governance.

Mission: Our mission is to recruit, develop, and place youth representatives who are equipped to advocate for their needs and aspirations.

Position Overview: The Autonomous Youth Council is searching for facilitators to lead training sessions during the summer. Facilitators will work alongside youth to cover topics such as systems thinking, educational history and policy, philanthropy, and civics. The goal is to empower youth to become informed and effective contributors to community governance.

Vision: The Autonomous Youth Council envisions a future where youth are empowered to actively engage in local community governance structures.

Autonomous Youth Council Details:

- Dates: July 8 - August 2, 2024
- Time: Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Location: In-person

Learning Topics and Objectives:

1. **History of Education in Milwaukee:** Gain an understanding of the historical context of education in Milwaukee and its impact on the current educational landscape.
2. **Culturally and Historically Responsive Education Practices:** Explore teaching methods to enhance inclusivity and diversity in educational practices.
3. **Youth/Adult Equity:** Understand the principles of youth/adult equity and explore strategies for fostering equitable partnerships.
4. **Community Activism and Organizing:** Acquire skills in community activism, effective communication, and collaboration.

Facilitator Requirements:

- **Experience:** Demonstrated experience working with youth, preferably in leadership development or advocacy.

- **Youth-Centered Approach:** Strong commitment to centering youth voices and fostering authentic partnership.
- **Engaging Facilitation Style:** Use interactive techniques to ensure active participation and learning.
- **Inclusivity:** Create a safe and inclusive learning environment for all participants.

Compensation: \$125/hr.

Proposal Submission: Interested facilitators are invited to submit proposals outlining their qualifications, experience, approach to facilitating youth-centered training, and proposed curriculum outline for one week. Proposals should include session formats, duration, and any additional resources needed.

As part of your proposal submission, we invite interested facilitators to choose a learning topic from above and provide a 300-word response explaining why you would excel as a facilitator for that particular topic. This is an opportunity for you to showcase your passion, expertise, and unique approach to guiding youth through engaging and insightful learning experiences. We look forward to learning more about your qualifications and why you would be an excellent fit to lead our youth in exploring these important subjects.

Submission Deadline: All proposals must be submitted by **5pm on April 5th, 2024**, via email to <https://forms.gle/4sTSTjuWKpC9MSEM6>

If you have any questions, please reach out to the High School Success project manager, Maria Hamidu, at mhamidu@milwaukee.succeeds.org

We look forward to receiving your proposals and partnering with facilitators who share our commitment to empowering youth and fostering inclusive and equitable community governance.