Tony Cárdenas
Congressmember, 29th District

Congressional Youth Advisory Council
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The Congressional Youth Advisory Council of U. S. Representative Tony Cárdenas offers high school students an excellent opportunity to learn about government, collaborate and discuss various topics with fellow high school students, and provide service to the 29th Congressional District.

The CYAC program consists of two to four separate meetings, two in each academic semester. If accepted into the program, you must be able to attend meetings. *Note: All meeting dates are subject to possible changes in the Congressional calendar.

**FUNDING:**
The Congressional Youth Advisory Council is at NO COST to the participants. All materials needed within the program will be provided to the participants.
PLEASE NOTE: Transportation for the meetings and volunteer activities will not be covered for participants in the program.

**ACADEMIC CREDIT:**
Academic or community service credit may be available to you from your high school. Our office will provide proof of service at your request.

**THE APPLICATION:**
To apply, please fully complete all sections of the attached application. Failure to provide complete answers may affect the review or consideration of your application.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO:**
Panorama District Office
8134 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 206
Panorama City, Ca 91402
Phone: (818)781-7407, Fax (818)781-7462
CONGRESSMAN TONY CÁRDENAS

Congressional Youth Advisory Council

**Please print or type all of the requested information. Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name: ______________________________________ Grade Level: ________________

Home Address: ________________________________ City: __________________

ZIP: ___________ Home Phone: _______________ Cell Phone: _______________

Email: _______________________________________

Age: __________ Date of Birth: _____/_____/____ If over 18, are you a registered voter? Y/N

School: ______________________________________

Cumulative GPA: ________________ (on a ______________ scale)

(Check all that apply)

Are you a part of: □ Magnet  □ Honors  □ AP and/or College Courses

List all clubs and activities, including any leadership positions:

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If selected, what topics would you like to discuss at CYAC meetings?

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Do you have any relatives who are in public service on public boards/commissions? (If yes, please list.)

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Additional Requirements

Please attach the following required documents to your application:

✓ A personal statement essay limited to 250-words. Briefly tell us about yourself, discussing your interests, goals for the future, what you hope to achieve if chosen for CYAC, etc. Please limit to one page.
✓ A current photo of yourself (for identification purposes only).
✓ Two recommendation forms from individuals who can account for your character and interest in government. Letters should be sealed by the author and signed across the seal. These forms should not be written by immediate family members.

I certify that the information on this application and any additional material submitted is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed the spring/summer meeting dates and am able to attend both meetings at this time.

Applicant’s Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

I do hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Congressional Youth Advisory Council and understand the time commitment involved for this program.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Submit your application to:
U.S. Congressman Tony Cárdenas
ATTN: Congressional Youth Advisory Council
8134 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 206
Panorama City, CA 91402

Your complete application must be received by staff in Congressman Tony Cárdenas’ District office.

If you have any questions about the application or general inquiries regarding CYAC, please feel free to call the district office at (818)781-7407.
Liability Release Form

To: Congressman Tony Cárdenas’ Office

Event or Activity: Congressional Youth Advisory Council & related activities

Participant: _____________________________________

I understand that participation in the above event or activity could include actions or tasks which might be hazardous to the participant above.

By signing below, I assume any risk of harm or injury which might occur to the participant due to his/her/ my participation in the event or activity. I release the organization or business named above from all liability, costs, and damages which might arise from participation in the above named event or activity.

If the participant is a minor, I agree that the minor has my consent to participate in the event. I further provide my consent for the organization or business named about to seek emergency treatment for the minor if necessary. I agree to accept financial responsibility for the costs related to this emergency treatment.

Sign Here if Participant is an Adult

Signature of Participant: _______________________________ Date: _______________

Sign Here if Participant is a Child

Name of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ Date: _______________

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: ________________________ Date: _______________
Congressman Tony Cárdenas
Congressional Youth Advisory Council
Student Recommendation Form

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

Full Name: ____________________________________________________________

High School Name: ____________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ________________ ZIP: ____________________

Name of Person Providing Recommendation: ______________________________________

Relation (i.e. teacher, counselor, troop leader) ______________________________________

I freely and voluntarily waive my rights of access to any and all information contained in this recommendation, and agree that any comments below will remain confidential.

Student Signature: _______________________________________ Date: _________________

Applicant: Two sealed and signed recommendation letters should be included in your application packet!

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON PROVIDING RECOMMENDATION:

Dear Friend,

Congressman Tony Cárdenas created the Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) to gain insight from students in his district and to inspire civic-minded young adults to achieve their full potential. The Council meets approximately twice each school semester in the Twenty Ninth District. During the CYAC activities, high-achieving students explore the role citizens, lawmakers, experts, and institutions play in a democracy. Please keep this in mind as you provide answers on the next pages.

Please fill this form out, place it in a blank envelope and sign/stamp the seal. Please return to student in this format.
How would you compare the applicant to other students?

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How long have you known the student and in what capacity?

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Do you think the applicant has sufficient maturity and integrity to participate in CYAC?

_____Yes  _____ No

Why or Why not?

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________________________________________________________________________
Please tell us about the student. We are particularly interested in the student’s intellectual promise, motivation, maturity, integrity, and other qualities that will help us differentiate him/her from others. Is this student civic-minded?

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Signature ____________________________ Date ________________

Title _________________________________

Telephone ____________________________

Email _______________________________