

BECOME A YOUth DECIDE Committee STUDENT VOLUNTEER
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The mission of the [League of Women Voters of Oakland](#) (LWVO) is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. We pursue our mission through education on major public policy issues and by influencing public policy through research and advocacy. YOUth DECIDE is a committee within the LWVO.

The mission of YOUth DECIDE is to reach, register to vote, and educate students in civics and the importance of voting. The vision is to create a culture of voting.

YOUth DECIDE partners with local public and private high schools and community colleges and with the Office of Equity in Oakland Unified School District (OUSD.)

We engage youth in voter education, voter registration and getting out the vote by working with schools.

Our goal is to create a team of student leaders who lead voter events at their schools and who pass their work on to their peers as they graduate. We are also building a network between our student volunteers who have graduated from high school, including those who have gone on to college with the high school students working with us in the current year.

The committee has welcomed students to our meetings and our brainstorm sessions and would like to continue to welcome students looking to share their expertise about how to reach young people and guide them to participate in civic engagement. So far this has worked as a sort of generational exchange: the young people share their insights and expertise with us and we share our experiences and skills in civic engagement with them.

High school and/or community college students work with YOUth DECIDE as Student Volunteers to:

- Provide feedback to YOUth DECIDE committee on the committee's work which provides guidance for strategies to reach young people.
- Plan a student-led voter registration drive at their school.
- Help design and/or deliver a voter education class presentation at their school.
- Create voter education posters and fliers for Oakland schools.
- Contribute to YOUth DECIDE Webpage content.
- Encourage family and friends to register to vote.
- Join civics or voter advocacy clubs at their school.
- Attend School District Board meetings and/or City Council meetings and/or County Supervisor meetings and represent students' issues. Report back to YOUth DECIDE meetings and/or peers to provide oversight of local government and in particular local government representatives.