



Frequently Asked Questions

➤ What is the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference?

The 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference is a dynamic, one-day event designed to engage and inspire young people across Los Angeles to get involved in their communities. This conference offers an in-depth look at the Neighborhood Council system and provides practical ways to engage in civic leadership. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from City leaders, attend workshops and panel discussions, and participate in a resource fair with over a dozen City departments and trusted community partners. For more details, visit <https://empowerla.org/civicyouth>.

➤ When and where is the 2025 Empower LA Youth Conference?

The Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2025** from **8:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the **Los Angeles City Hall**, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

➤ Is attending the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference free?

Yes, the event is free for all attendees, and breakfast and lunch will be provided to all participants at no cost. However, participation requires an application, and only those selected will receive an invitation to attend the Conference.

➤ Who can attend the EmpowerLA Youth Conference?

Applicants must be between **14 and 17 years old** and have stakeholder status in the City of Los Angeles—such as living, working, volunteering, attending school, or being a member of an organization/institution within the City. Interested participants must complete the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference application. Only 100 applicants will be invited to attend this year's conference.

➤ How do I apply for the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference?

Interested applicants must submit their application online by **Friday, December 20, 2024**, no later than 11:59 p.m. If you require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to submit your application, please contact Henry Lo, at Henry.Lo@lacity.org.

➤ **If I am selected for the event and do not confirm my attendance by the deadline, will I lose my spot?**

Yes, all applicants invited to attend the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference must confirm their attendance by the specified deadline. Invitations will be sent via email, so please add us to your approved contacts to avoid missing any communications. If we do not receive your confirmation by the deadline, your spot will be offered to the next applicant on the waiting list.

➤ **Will food be provided at the event?**

Yes, all conference attendees will receive a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch. We will make every effort to accommodate dietary preferences and restrictions. If you have a dietary need, please be sure to indicate it on your application.

➤ **What is the dress code for the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference?**

The recommended dress code for the Conference is business casual.

➤ **Can my parent/guardian attend the event with me?**

Yes, accommodations can be arranged for parents or guardians to attend the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference. Please notify Erica G. Doughty at Erica.Gatica@lacity.org and Ava Marinelli at Ava.Marinelli@lacity.org as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

➤ **When is the next EmpowerLA Youth Conference event?**

The EmpowerLA Youth Conference is held annually, contingent upon funding from the Los Angeles City budget.

➤ **Will there be an opportunity to ask questions about the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference?**

Yes, questions can be directed to Erica G. Doughty at Erica.Gatica@lacity.org and Ava Marinelli at Ava.Marinelli@lacity.org. Additionally, in early February, two virtual informational sessions will be held via Zoom for selected youth applicants and their family members. These sessions will provide an opportunity to ask live questions, with both a morning and an evening session available for convenience.

➤ **Is there a website I can visit to learn more about the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference?**

Yes, please visit the EmpowerLA website at <https://empowerla.org/civicyouth/> to learn more about the event.

➤ **How can I help spread the word about the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference?**

We would love your support in getting the word out about the 2025 EmpowerLA Youth Conference. You can use EmpowerLA's outreach toolkit to share information about the conference at tiny.cc/eycoutreach25.