Call for applications: Youth Advisory Group

Help us shape a National Youth Rule of Law Summit. OJEN is looking for 6-8 young people (ages 14-25) from across Ontario to join a Youth Advisory Group. Each member will be paid for their time and contributions.

You do not need to know about law or politics to apply. We want to hear about your experiences, what matters to you, and your ideas about bringing young people together.

What is OJEN?

The Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) is a charitable, non-profit organization that helps young people learn about law and justice. We work with schools, community organizations, and justice professionals across Ontario to help young people understand and respond to legal issues in their lives.

What is the Rule of Law?

That is the million-dollar question! We are interested in what the rule of law means to you. Does it connect to your daily life? Does it feel relevant to you? Maybe you have heard the term before, or maybe you have not. You tell us!

What is the Summit?

OJEN and its partners are exploring the idea of a three-day national summit where young people come together in person to discuss law and justice and share their perspectives on issues affecting them.

Planning starts with the Youth Advisory Group. Members' experiences, ideas, and feedback will provide the foundation for a summit that is meaningful, responsive, and relevant to young people across Canada.

What will youth advisory group members do?

Through group discussions and activities, you will help shape:

- The questions the summit asks about law and justice.
- Who is included and how to reach young people with different experiences.
- How young people participate and have a meaningful say.

- What happens during the three days.
- What participants take back to their schools and communities.

You will share your views, hear from other members, and give feedback as ideas develop. You will not be expected to represent everyone from your community or agree with other members.

Participation Period: December 2026 - March 31, 2027 (approximately 4 months).

Time commitment and compensation

- **Meetings:** One introductory meeting in December, followed by 3-4 additional meetings in early 2027.
- **Meeting length:** 1-1.5 hours each.
- **Meeting format:** Interactive, dialogue-based meetings over Teams, where members share experiences, explore questions, and develop ideas together. There may be short readings to prepare for some meetings. Meetings will be held in English.
- **Scheduling:** Meeting dates will be arranged once the Youth Advisory Group is formed and will accommodate different schedules.
- **Compensation:** $50 per meeting.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you are 14-25 years old, live in Ontario, and are interested in helping shape this project. We want to bring together a diverse group of young people from urban, rural, and northern communities across Ontario. We welcome applicants with different racial and cultural backgrounds, Indigenous identities, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, financial circumstances, and experiences with law and justice.

You do not need to have positive experiences with law or the justice system to participate. We welcome questions, concerns, and ideas about what should change.

How to apply?

To apply, please send a short expression of interest about why you are interested in joining the team and what experiences or perspectives you would bring (up to one page) to **recruitment@ojen.ca** with the subject line "Youth Advisory Group Application".

Application Deadline: Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

What happens next?

A small number of candidates will be selected for an interview. Interviews will take place by Teams between November 30 - December 8, 2026. This will be a conversation about your interests and experiences, with time for you to ask questions.

Questions?

Contact OJEN at **recruitment@ojen.ca**.