Coro is New York City's premier civic leadership training organization and a community of more than 2,500 alumni in business, government, nonprofit and schools who are shaping the future of our city.

Participatory Budgeting Youth Fellowship

What is the Participatory Budgeting Youth Fellowship?
The Participatory Budgeting Youth Fellowship (PBYF) builds the leadership skills of young New Yorkers who are committed to lifting up youth voices and leading change. The program offers high school students intensive leadership training, hands-on work experience, and ongoing support to promote greater youth involvement in New York City's Participatory Budgeting (PB) process, in which City Council members dedicate at least $1 million for local residents as young as eleven to decide how it is spent. Youth Fellows serve as ambassadors and advocates, working to promote PB and engage other youth and underrepresented groups throughout the process. By preparing a growing cadre of young civic change leaders, PBYF aims to make a lasting impact in communities throughout New York City.

What will you get?

THE KNOWLEDGE
PB Youth Fellows learn about local government, city budgeting, the PB process, and advancing equity so they can effectively serve as advocates for youth and other underrepresented communities, including people of color, immigrants, public housing residents, LGBTQ and differently-abled individuals.

THE SKILLS
Through training and real-life experiences, PB Youth Fellows will explore various leadership tools and their own leadership styles to effectively engage youth and other underrepresented communities. Youth Fellows will fine-tune their public speaking and communication skills, building the confidence to amplify youth voice in their communities and beyond. By managing projects with their peers and City Council adult partners, Youth Fellows will gain the skills to turn their ideas into action.

THE NETWORK
Upon graduating from the program, PB Youth Fellows will join a community of Coro alumni from all industries and sectors who are dedicated to supporting one another and improving NYC.

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PB Youth Fellow
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Who Should Apply?

Up to 30 high school students representing New York City’s diverse neighborhoods will be selected to participate in the 2019-20 school year.

Ideal applicants should:

- Attend high school and/or live in a participating City Council District
- Be entering 11th or 12th grade (10th graders will be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Want to strengthen their leadership skills, take risks, and be a community change-maker
- Be curious and excited about getting more youth involved in PB, city government, and civic engagement
- Be open to public speaking and making presentations to diverse youth and community members
- Be able to commit to a rigorous program schedule from July 2019 through May 2020:
  - Summer
    - Three-week Leadership Institute (July 29—August 16)
    - 20 hours of PB service (August 19—August 30)
  - School Year
    - 10–15 hours of PB service per month
    - Monthly full-day training sessions on Saturdays or non-instructional days

Our Sponsors

PBYF is a partnership with:

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"Participatory Budgeting is what democracy is all about."

Hon. Corey Johnson
Speaker
New York City Council

How to Apply

To find out more, please visit:

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Participants will earn a stipend of up to $1,000 for successful completion of program requirements.

Key Program Features

**FELLOWSHIP PLACEMENT**

PB Youth Fellows will be placed at the City Council District Office closest to their home or school and complete 10–15 hours of PB service per month, gaining hands-on experience with outreach, meeting facilitation, voter engagement, and more.

**INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT**

Coro staff will provide Youth Fellows ongoing support, feedback, and guidance to promote their learning, leadership development, and professional growth throughout the program.

**YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS**

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**COMPENSATION**

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