

CONFERENCE OF YOUNG ALASKANS



**Conference of Young Alaskans 2021
Fairbanks, August 1-4
Application Form
Due May 10, 2021**

The Conference of Young Alaskans (COYA) is the premier forum for engaging young Alaskans as emerging leaders. This year, we are especially interested in those who want to work together to strengthen local governments. 55 delegates will spend three days in Fairbanks, immersed in policy deliberations and one-on-one interaction with some of Alaska's foremost municipal leaders. Delegates will attend COYA 2021 at no cost – transportation, lodging, meals and conference materials will be provided.

Name: _____

School or Employer: _____

Home Community: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Ethnicity: _____ Gender: _____ Birth date: _____

Essay Questions – Attach answers on a separate sheet of paper or separate document, if submitting electronically.

In 50 words or less, please detail what you would bring to the COYA experience.

Answer two of the following short essay questions in 300 words or less (each).

1. How have you been involved in your community and tried to make a positive difference; how can you apply what you learned in this in the future?
2. What excites or dismays you about local government, or is it a blank space you want to fill?
3. Where do you see yourself in 10 years? What might you be doing to contribute to your community and Alaska?
4. If you were mayor, what changes would you make?

Provide one reference from a current or former employer or teacher who will attest to your ability to contribute positively and substantively to the COYA experience.

- Name: _____
- Phone: _____
- Email: _____

As a part of your application, contact your Mayor to endorse your application.

As Mayor of _____, I support this application for COYA 2021.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

If selected, you will be asked to provide a brief bio and photo for publishing. You will receive notification of selection by May 28th – you must commit to participate in writing by June 8th to be included in the COYA 2021 process. Delegates will be expected to attend the entire three days from August 1-4, 2021. Conference organizers will be responsible for all costs associated with your participation, so this commitment is extremely important.

After confirming your commitment, you will receive more information about COYA 2021 including reading material, required forms to be filled out and travel information.

Applications can be sent in via email, mail, online at akml.org or fax:

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