The Ohio Youth Capital Challenge Portfolio Showcase is the culmination of an interactive civic education program designed to actively engage youth in the civic life of their communities. In the OYCC, your group will be identifying and analyzing issues and problems facing your community (school, neighborhood, town/city, state). You will select one of these issues or problems for detailed study.

After you complete your research, your group will propose a public policy to deal with that issue or problem. Finally, your group will develop an action plan detailing the steps to take to have their public policy proposal adopted by the appropriate governmental authorities.

An Ohio Youth Capital Challenge Portfolio consists of two components: a visual display and a five-section documentation binder. This is the product that will be evaluated.

Ohio Youth Capital Challenge is an exciting program with a primary goal of increasing youth citizenship knowledge and participation.
Will you be one of the 40 delegates chosen to participate in the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge?

One of the key values that makes FFA, 4-H, and Farm Bureau successful organizations is exceptional community citizenship. If you want to make an impact in your local community this is the hands-on experience you need. Ohio FFA, Ohio 4-H, and Ohio Farm Bureau have partnered to bring you the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge (OYCC).

Up to 40 youth will be selected for the challenge. Delegates will travel to Columbus for Phases One, Three, and Four of the program. Participants work in assigned teams during the program, researching, developing and presenting policy changes to better their communities. The top four, highest-scoring teams will be invited to share their presentations on stage at the Ohio State Fair. Scholarships in the form of cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams and mentors.

Who can apply?

Delegates must be in at least the ninth grade, between the ages of 14 and 18 during the 2019-2020 school year, and have never participated in OYCC. Delegates are expected to have a concern for local community issues and a desire to be more involved in their communities.

Submit your application TODAY!

ohioffa.org/programs/ohio-youth-capital-challenge

What the delegates say

- I learned what goes into making a policy and how laws are made.
- The best part of OYCC was talking with legislators and learning about government operations and public policy.
- I loved working on a task with new people from different organizations.

Tenative Agenda

**Monday, March 2, 2020**
3 p.m. Mentors arrive at Crowne Hotel
5 p.m. Registration at Crowne Hotel
5:45 p.m. Welcome - OYCC Mentors
6 p.m. Etiquette Dinner
6:45 p.m. 2020 Ohio Youth Capital Challenge - 2019 OYCC Winner Presentation
7:15 p.m. What is the OYCC?
8 p.m. Introduction of teams
8:15 p.m. Organizing your Think Tank
8:45 p.m. Break
9 p.m. Team Building Session - OYCC Mentors
10 p.m. Reflections and preparation for Statehouse visits - OYCC Mentors
11 p.m. Lights out

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**
6:30 a.m. Rise and shine
7 a.m. Gather in hotel lobby with luggage
7:15 a.m. Depart for Ohio Farm Bureau Board Room
7:30 a.m. Breakfast at OFBF
8 a.m. Policy 101 and Legislative visits
8:45 a.m. Selecting your OYCC policy Team Breakout
11 a.m. Practice presentations and report back
11:45 a.m. Lunch - Tools for Effective Presentations & Expectations
12:30 p.m. Depart for Statehouse
1-3 p.m. State Legislative visits and Statehouse tour
3 p.m. Depart for OFBF
3:20 p.m. Wrap-up and closing
4 p.m. Pack and safe travels home