

GET INVOLVED!

It's easier than you think to make a difference in your local, state, and federal governments. Check out these organizations to get started.

ALA Girls State and Legion Boys State

The American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion run statewide programs, called **ALA Girls State** and **Legion Boys State**, that offer leadership training and a closer look at the democratic process at the state and national levels. For more information or to learn how to apply, visit alaforveterans.org/ala-girls-state/ or legion.org/boysnation/stateabout.

Countable.us

This site offers a simple way for you to follow in-progress legislation, tell your reps how you want them to vote on it, and learn their decisions. The best part? There's an app for Android and iOS.

DoSomething.org

Search for a cause that inspires you, then find out ways to make a difference in whatever time you have available.

HOBY.org

This organization is designed to give high school students one-of-a-kind leadership training. Ask your school's guidance office about it.

LWV.org

The mission of the League of Women Voters is to make sure everyone—not just women and girls—has the info, access, and ability to share their voice and participate in the democratic process. Enter your zip code into the website to get involved with a chapter in your area.

POPVOX.com

They make it easy for you to learn about, and then deliver your feelings on, current legislative issues—and affect their outcomes.

RockTheVote.org

Even if you're not 18, you can rally would-be voters to register.

RunForSomething.net

This group wants to help more young people get elected to positions of power, whether it's city council, mayor, or beyond.

VolunteerMatch.org

This site makes it easy for you to find ways to volunteer in your community or online whether your passion is animals, arts, or pretty much anything else! PS: Be sure to select the "kids" filter on the right-hand side of the home page.

YouthLeadership.net

Click on the "student portal" for civics-minded quizzes, info, and tools. Psst: Teachers, you can register on the site for access to free lesson plans and resources!

Learn more about how
your government works at

scholastic.com/wethepeople.