



# 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention

## Student Participation Program

Deadline January 9, 2025

The [Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities](#) (AVICC) is hosting their 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention in Nanaimo at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre from April 11-13, 2025. The Convention brings together elected officials and staff from 54 local governments on Vancouver Island and in BC coastal communities, provincial representatives, and other local government partners. Our members gather at our annual convention to network, learn, and discuss the issues and policies that are important to our local communities.

The AVICC Executive would like to encourage members to invite interested local secondary or post-secondary students to apply to attend the Convention business sessions in 2025. AVICC will waive the registration fee and reimburse 50% of the travel expenses up to a maximum of \$1000 per successful student applicant.

The sponsoring member local government will be responsible for working with the student to arrange travel and cover additional expenses. AVICC is not responsible for the student throughout the convention, and sponsoring local government members are responsible to ensure that the student has a safe and positive experience, and that the convention code of conduct is upheld.

Planning for the 2025 Convention is currently underway. It will follow the same format as the [2024 AVICC AGM & Convention Program](#) with business sessions taking place as follows:

- Friday, April 11, 2025: 2:00pm-7:30pm (welcome reception included)
- Saturday, April 12, 2025: 7:30am-4:30pm (banquet not included)
- Sunday, April 13, 2025: 7:30am-12:00pm

Coffee break refreshments, light reception food at the Welcome Reception on Friday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and lunch on Saturday are included in the complimentary registration. A ticket to the banquet is not included.

By exposing youth to local government, they will be familiarized with it – thereby increasing the likeliness that they participate on more levels with their local government over time. It is important for current local leaders to engage with the youth in their communities to encourage higher civic engagement and ultimately, to increase interest in pursuing a career within local government.

Please complete and submit the attached application form **via email to [info@avicc.ca](mailto:info@avicc.ca) by 4:30pm on Thursday, January 9, 2025.**

The AVICC Executive will be evaluating and approving applications for participation in the 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention student program at their January Executive meeting, and all applicants will be contacted by the end of January regarding the status of their application.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Theresa Dennison, AVICC Executive Coordinator, at 236-237-1202 or [tdennison@avicc.ca](mailto:tdennison@avicc.ca).



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### Member Organization- Sponsor

Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Applicant Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution/School \_\_\_\_\_  
Area of Study/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Why would you like to attend the 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention?

Provide some examples of ways youth can participate in local government. How do you participate in civic engagement in your community?

The sponsoring AVICC member organization and the student applicant mutually support this application and have read and agree to the guidelines provided with this application.

#### Sponsoring AVICC Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Student Applicant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit applications by January 9, 2025 via email to [info@avicc.ca](mailto:info@avicc.ca)