



2026 AVICC AGM & Convention

Student Participation Program

Deadline January 16, 2026

The [Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities](#) (AVICC) is hosting their 2026 AVICC AGM & Convention in Victoria at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre from April 24-26, 2026. The Convention brings together AVICC member elected officials and staff from 55 local governments and First Nations on Vancouver Island and in BC coastal communities, along with 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 2026. 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 should ensure that the student has a safe and positive experience, and that the convention code of conduct is upheld.

Planning for the 2026 Convention is currently underway. It will follow the same format as the [2025 AVICC AGM & Convention Program](#) with business sessions taking place as follows:

- Friday, April 24, 2026: 2:00pm-7:30pm (welcome reception included)
- Saturday, April 25, 2026: 7:30am-4:30pm (banquet not included)
- Sunday, April 26, 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 by 4:30pm on Friday, January 16, 2026.**

The AVICC Executive will be evaluating 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 Director, at 236-237-1202 or 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 2026 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 16, 2026 via email to info@avicc.ca

Additional information may be submitted on a separate page.