



2027 STUDENT DELEGATE PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2027

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) is inviting students from AVICC member communities to apply to participate in the [2027 AVICC AGM & Convention](#), taking place April 16–18, 2027 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo. Eligible students are those currently enrolled in grade 11 or 12 or in a post-secondary program. Questions about eligibility should be directed to tdennison@avicc.ca.

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

The Convention brings together elected officials and staff from AVICC member local governments and First Nations, provincial representatives, and other local government partners. Student delegates can learn how local and regional decisions are made, connect with community leaders, and contribute a youth perspective to convention activities. AVICC will provide each successful student applicant with complimentary registration to the convention business sessions. The 2027 event will follow the same format as the [2026 AVICC AGM & Convention Program](#) with business sessions taking place starting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday and concluding by noon on Sunday.

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. Pre-convention sessions, Friday lunch, and the Saturday Gala are not included but can be added.

Selected students will also be invited to participate. Options may include:

- speaking to delegates or contributing to a panel;
- helping with an interactive activity or information booth;
- taking part in structured networking or discussion opportunities; or
- attending the business sessions and sharing observations with their sponsor community.

TRAVEL SUPPORT AND RURAL/REMOTE ACCESS

AVICC will typically pay up to 50% of student travel costs, with the rest paid for by the sponsoring member. We would like to support as many students as possible within our budget, although we also recognize the importance of supporting rural and remote communities, which have higher travel costs. Applicants are asked to provide a realistic estimate of anticipated travel and accommodation costs with their application. Any approved travel support will be confirmed with successful applicants and sponsoring organizations before arrangements are finalized.

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

AVICC is not responsible for the student throughout the Convention. The sponsoring AVICC member organization is responsible for working with the student to arrange travel, cover any expenses not supported by AVICC, and identify a member representative who will support the student at the Convention. Sponsors must help ensure a safe and positive experience for the student and ensure compliance with the Convention Code of Conduct.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the application form, including the estimated travel budget and Student Delegate Questions.
- Ensure the student and sponsoring AVICC member organization both sign and support the application.
- Email the completed application to info@avicc.ca by **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2027**.
- Applications will be reviewed January 8, 2027. Applicants will be contacted following the meeting.
- **Questions:** Theresa Dennison, AVICC Executive Director | 236-237-1202 | tdennison@avicc.ca

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MEMBER ORGANIZATION – SPONSOR		
Member Organization		
Contact name (administration)		
Admin phone & email		
AVICC Member Sponsor Name and Title (attending AVICC Convention)		
Sponsor cellphone & email		
STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Student name		
Student cellphone & email		
Institution / school		
Area of study / grade		

ANTICIPATED TRAVEL BUDGET		
Please provide the best available estimate. This information will help AVICC consider travel needs, including barriers faced by rural and remote applicants. Final support will be confirmed before travel is booked.		
Estimated expense	Amount	Notes / basis of estimate
Transportation (Ferries, mileage at a rate of \$0.72/km)		
Accommodation (Group rates range from \$155/night to \$209/night, based on availability)		
Other necessary costs (parking; meals not provided through registration; incidentals)		
Total estimated cost		
Amount requested from AVICC (Typically 50%)		

STUDENT DELEGATE QUESTIONS *(submit responses separately)*

Please submit your responses to the questions below as an attachment to your completed application form, not to exceed 2 pages.

1. Why would you like to attend the 2027 AVICC AGM & Convention?
2. How would participating in the AVICC Convention benefit your education, career interests, leadership development, or future plans?
3. How would you like to participate at the Convention? For example, would you be interested in speaking, joining a panel, helping at a booth or interactive activity, networking with delegates, or another role?
4. Provide examples of ways youth can participate in local government. How do you currently participate in civic or community engagement?

STUDENT APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Please ensure your submission includes the following information:

Completed Application Form – Include all details	☐
Anticipated Travel Budget (Estimate)	☐
Responses to Student Delegate Questions (1-2 separate pages)	☐
Agreement and Signature of Applicant and Sponsoring Member Representative (below)	☐

STUDENT & SPONSOR AUTHORIZATION

The sponsoring AVICC member organization and the student applicant mutually support this application and have read and agree to the program guidelines provided with this application. The sponsoring member's signature hereby indicates acknowledgement of the sponsor's responsibility for the student during the Convention, and agreement to contribute to the costs of the student's attendance.

Sponsoring Member Representative Name		Student Delegate Applicant Name	
Position		Signature	
Signature		Date	
Date			

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