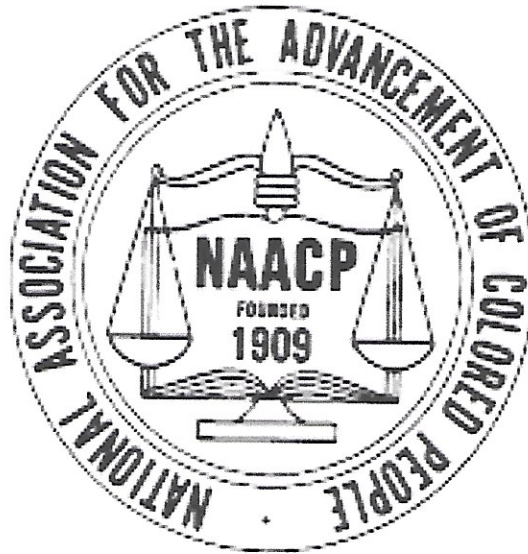


The New Rochelle NAACP branch is **RECRUITING** members and officers for **YOUTH COUNCIL**



Elected Offices to be Filled:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you are interested in becoming a member of the New Rochelle NAACP Youth Council, please complete a membership application and email it to Dr. Joseph Williams (Youth Council Advisor) at jhwilliams1364@gmail.com. Use NAACP Membership as the subject.

The Youth Council aims to:

- Inform youth of the problems affecting African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities
- Advance the economic, educational, social, and political status of African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities, and their harmonious cooperation with other peoples
- Stimulate an appreciation of the African Diaspora and other people of color's contribution to civilization
- Develop an intelligent, effective youth leadership

Who leads the New Rochelle NAACP Youth Council?

The youth members of the council elect officers to lead and organize the group. The officers play key roles in facilitating meetings. All members have a voice in the decision-making process through the use of parliamentary procedures.

Youth who are up to 25 years old can become members.



Highlights of NAACP Youth Activities:

- **1934** - A group of students from Howard University protested against lynching.
- **1937** - In Houston, Texas after several demonstrations drawing attention to the large number of automobile accidents that occurred near black public schools, the local NAACP Youth Council was able to get traffic officers stationed in these areas.
- **1939** - NAACP youth groups launched a nationwide project to survey history textbooks used in local public school districts, identify those that distorted African and African American history and demanded that these books be removed from use in classrooms.
- **1948** - The Dayton and Cincinnati, OH Youth Council brought charges against a number of public places which practiced discrimination in their communities.
- **1949** - Forty- one seniors from Texas Negro Colleges, led by NAACP Southwest Regional presented their applications, in-person, for admission to the University of Texas graduate schools, which were denied. Eventually, 21-year-old Herman Barnett became the first Black student at the University of Texas after 75 years.
- **1950** - College Chapters of Indiana and Wilberforce succeeded in getting several local restaurants to serve Black patrons.
- **1958** - Division units in Wichita, KS and Oklahoma City, OK launched the first of many sit-in demonstrations at lunch counters and other public places to protest their treatment as second-class citizenship.
- **1960s** - Heightened activity by division units challenged all facets of discrimination. Division units conducted sit-ins, stand-ins, drive-ins, wade-ins, read-ins, mass demonstrations, protest marches, picket lines and selective buying campaigns in the South, Midwest and virtually every other section of the country. They attended conferences, workshop sessions and rallies; they helped line up students to apply for transfers to integrated schools; and assisted in voter registration drives.

- **1972** - The NAACP Youth & College registered nearly a half million people to vote across the country.
- **1980s** – Voter registration efforts in the Northeast were intense. Registration drives were conducted in shopping centers, subway stations, and other public places. Voter registration walk-a-thons were organized by the New York and New Jersey State conferences,
- **2001** - Death threats against Black students and a debate over whether Penn State was doing enough to protect Black students and promote diversity prompted an extended sit-in at the university by Penn students, Youth Councils and the Howard University Chapter.
- **2007** - The NAACP Youth & College Division mobilized youth units across the country to Jena, Louisiana to march against the excessive punishment of the Jena 6 boys.
- **2007** - Atlanta Youth & College Division led the march in Atlanta, GA to keep the Voter Right Act alive.
- **2009** - The NAACP condemned an off-campus party held by members of a UC San Diego fraternity mocking Black History Month and urged the university to punish those involved.
- **2010** - Mississippi State Youth & College Division mobilized over a 1,000 young people to the state capitol to speak out for freedom of the Scott sisters.
- **2011** - North Carolina Youth & College units mobilized young people to Wake County to address the re-segregation issues promoted by the school board.
- **2020** – Michigan NAACP Youth and College led a march of approximately 1,000 youth during the “We Are Done Dying” protest at the Michigan State Capitol.

Projected Timeline for Reactivation of the New Rochelle NAACP Youth Council:

- **November through December** – Members will be recruited for the Youth Council.
- **December** – The charter application and names of Youth Council members will be submitted to state level leadership.
- **January** – The Annual National Conference will be held where charters and the national calendar will be approved.
- **February** – The initial meeting of the New Rochelle Youth Council will be held with guidance provided by the Regional Advisor. There will also be an election of officers at the initial meeting.

General Information

- Membership is free for the first 25 members.
- The NAACP Youth Council was established in 1933.
- There are presently 550 active Youth Councils, high school and college chapters, which comprises a total of approximately 25,000 youth.
- The Youth Council is a chapter of the NAACP that is organized and managed by youth. All meetings are conducted by the youth members. National and local social justice issues that affect youth are addressed and action plans are developed.
- A Youth Advisor, Dr. Joseph Williams, selected by the adult chapter of the New Rochelle NAACP will work with the Youth Council and attend monthly meetings.
- The National Conference creates a calendar with themes that can be used by Youth Council as areas of focus.
- Until further notice from National Leadership, all meetings will be held virtually.