

# Civics Engagement Recognition

The Judicial Outreach Committee is pleased to announce the Youth Civics Engagement Recognition Program. Consistent with Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero's Power of Democracy initiative, this program honors California courts that demonstrate outstanding leadership in and commitment to advancing civics education and participation among students in grades K-12.

## Eligibility and Recognition

Courts may be recognized in one of two ways:

1. The CJA will recognize two superior courts each year that achieve the highest participation rate per judicial officer in the state. To qualify for this annual recognition, a California court must submit a record of its activities promoting youth civics participation over the prior year. Examples of qualifying activities include: Judges in the Classroom presentations; presentations to students regarding the three branches of government, the legal system, civic duties, constitutional rights, or courtroom roles and procedures; courthouse tours; pre-recorded educational videos; Teen Court proceedings; mock trials or moot court; and student mentoring programs focused on law, civics, government, or the justice system.
2. When justified, the CJA has the discretion to recognize one court annually for exceptional innovation in youth civics involvement. To be eligible for this recognition, a Court should elaborate on the creativity and effectiveness of its programs in engaging youth in civics education.

Courts of all sizes are eligible for recognition.

## Nomination Window

All nominations shall be submitted to CJA no later than **June 1, 2026**. The qualifying period for eligible activities shall extend from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Please see the optional form for nominations [HERE](#) and take a look at this [sharable flyer!](#) Nominations can also be emailed to [judicialoutreach@caljudges.org](mailto:judicialoutreach@caljudges.org). Please include in the email the information requested in the form.

Questions regarding the Youth Civics Engagement Recognition Program can be sent to the email address above.