

EMPOWER YOUTH VOICES: CLOSE UP & MALONE SCHOOLS

Program Overview



Starting January 2022, Close Up and Malone Schools will offer the winter series of *Empowering Youth Voices: Justice, Equity, and Belonging*. This is a special opportunity to nominate six students to represent your school. Through this series of six online sessions, students will engage in inquiry and deliberation on an issue of their choice in order to understand the political and structural barriers to equity in education, health, and criminal justice. They will investigate the root causes of their issue, identify various approaches taken at the local and national levels, engage with a policy advocate, and create a proposal that incorporates their personal experiences and the tangible action steps they can take at home. *Past proposals have included recommendations regarding faculty diversity, representation in school curricula, and awareness campaigns promoting COVID-19 vaccination in low-income communities.*

At the end of the program, students will present a vision statement on their issue designed to constructively engage diverse audiences in their school community and in the public sphere.

Session Dates & Times

Winter Series: Justice, Equity, and Belonging | Tuesdays & Thursdays after school | January 25 - February 10, 2022 | 8:00-9:15pm (EST) / 5:00-6:15pm (PST)

Each school will be combined with other participating schools nationwide for their discussion sessions. If you are interested in customized dates for a program that will include participants from your school only, please contact us at programsupport@closeup.org.

Eligibility & Cost

The program session and special rate is exclusively for students enrolled at Malone Schools in 9th and 10th grade. You may nominate a cohort of 6 students to represent your school in an examination of today's most pressing issues with students from across the country.

- **Cohort of 6 Students:** \$1350
- **Individual Student Price:** \$250

Close Up and MSON are deeply committed to equity and inclusion. If you require financial assistance, please contact Close Up at programsupport@closeup.org.

Registration

To register, please visit our [website](#).

About Close Up

Established in 1971, [Close Up](#) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to become informed, active, and engaged citizens. Each year, Close Up helps thousands of students and teachers across the nation engage in civil discourse and take informed action in their communities.

About MSON

The [Malone Schools Online Network](#) provides motivated, upper-level students at participating Malone Schools with a variety of academically challenging courses beyond what would normally be available to them. These interactive seminars bring students together from across the United States with dedicated teachers in real time. MSON joins the best of independent school education with the latest video conferencing technology to chart new territory in online learning.