Opinion

**LAUREL** - To the 10 local high school students who have applied for a program that would get them actively involved in county government. The program, titled Youth in Government, places teenagers on county board communities and gives them advisory votes. It's a great learning opportunity, but it also will require a lot of work and a significant commitment of time. Applicants will go through interviews next month to learn more about the program and help them decide if they want to commit. Those that do stick with the program will start in October. The board was understandably reluctant to release names until the actual group is determined. We hope all 10 applicants decide to take advantage of this invaluable real-world experience.