



Frequently Asked Questions about the National Youth Advisory Council

Are there limits on how many teens can apply from a Club/Youth Center?

There is no limit to the number of teens who can apply from the same Club/Youth Center.

What is the typical application process? What do I need to know beforehand?

The first part of the application process is the online application. The selection committee will review applications and select a small number of candidates to proceed to the next phase of the process. In this next phase, teens will be asked to submit a video application and staff advisors will be asked to fill out a recommendation form. You can find the timeline for all steps of the application process and a review copy of the online application on bgca.org/nyac.

I'm currently 17, but I turn 18 over the summer. Am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, you can apply! Applicants must be ages 14 to 17 at the time they submit the online application.

I'm 17 and graduating this year and attending college in the fall. Am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, you can still apply! We only ask that you stay engaged with your Club/Youth Center during your time in the Council. Also, please make sure your staff advisor can support you from afar while you're at college.

What will monthly meetings look like? When do they begin? Does my advisor need to attend?

Monthly meetings occur on the third Thursday of every month and are 90 minutes long (7:00-8:30 p.m. EST). They typically include a visit from two BGCA teams asking Council members to advise on a program or resource they are building for Clubs. The current Council has advised on a wide range of initiatives, including teen programming, Club guides for building calm zones, BGCA conferences, and so much more! Meetings start in August 2026 and conclude in May 2027. Advisors do not need to attend.

Is transportation to the Atlanta kick-off event provided or will that be the responsibility of my Club/Youth Center?

All transportation, lodging and meal costs for the in-person kick-off event will be covered by BGCA! For Clubs, this will be paid for via pass-through funding. For military youth centers, both domestic and abroad, NYAC leadership will partner with BGCA's Military Services team to ensure all costs associated with the event are paid for in accordance with current procedures.

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