



Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in participating in the National Youth Advisory Council!

We're looking for 12 dynamic Club/Youth Center teens (ages 14 to 17) to partner with staff at Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) to give their generation a voice. Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members will advise the national office and help make decisions about programs for young people in Clubs and Youth Centers across the country and world.

Please refer to our Fact Sheet posted on www.bgca.org/nyac, to learn more about what Council members do, the eligibility requirements, and what to think about and do before applying.

Want to Get Ready to Apply?

Review the application review copy below.

Actual Online Application Opens on March 2.
Application Due Date: March 20 at 5 p.m. PT/8 p.m. ET
Check your time zone [here](#).

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Before filling out the application, we need to determine your eligibility for participating in the National Youth Advisory Council.

Eligibility Questions

What is your age?

- 13 and under
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18 and older

Do you currently attend a Boys & Girls Club or Youth Center?

- Yes, I attend a Boys & Girls Club.
- Yes, I attend a Youth Center on a military installation.
- No, I do not attend a Club/Youth Center.

Please fill out the questions below so that we know how to contact you.

Contact Info

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number (include your area/country code): _____

Club Organization's Region, State and Name:

If you cannot find your Club Organization's Name or you're not sure of the name of your organization, please select "Other" for Name, then enter the name you're familiar with in the Comments box.

Comments: _____

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Tell Us About Your Interest in the National Youth Advisory Council!

How long have you been attending your Club/Youth Center?

- Less than one year
- 1-2 years
- More than 2 years
- I am not sure

How often do you attend the Club/Youth Center?

- A few times per year
- Once a month
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a week
- Twice a week
- 3 or more times a week
- I'm not sure

Which of the following leadership opportunities have you been involved in at your Club/Youth Center?

(this can be current or past involvement) **Select all that apply.**

- Torch Club
- Keystone Club
- National Keystone Conference Steering Committee
- Youth of the Year
- Military Teen Ambassador Program
- Think, Learn, Create (TLC) program
- Club/Youth Center Youth Advisory Committee/Council
- In Club/Youth Center work-based learning experience (formerly Junior Staff)
- Counselor-in-training (e.g., training to be a Summer Camp Counselor)
- I am currently or have previously been employed by my Club (e.g., programming staff, camp counselor)
- I am/was a peer leader or mentor in programming
- Other leadership opportunity

Write In (Required): _____

I understand that if I am accepted to the National Youth Advisory Council, I am expected to attend the NYAC Kick-Off event in Atlanta on July 8-9, 2026 with my staff advisor.

Note: If selected, BGCA is committed to working with your organization to work out the logistics and permissions related to travel for the kick-off and will cover the travel costs.

I will not miss the kick-off.

- Yes
- No

We ask that Council members be able to attend monthly virtual meetings. Meetings occur at 7 p.m. ET on the third Thursday of every month and last 90 minutes each. We require that you miss no more than one meeting per semester.

Do you agree to the National Youth Advisory Council attendance policy?

- Yes
- No

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If you have anything you'd like us to know about **your availability to attend virtual meetings**, like concerns about technology access (e.g., Wi-Fi connectivity, time zone), please let us know in the box below. If not, please respond N/A.

What interests you about the National Youth Advisory Council? (no more than 100 words)

Imagine you're working with others to solve a big problem. **What role would you typically play?** (Select up to 3)

- Public speaker
- Writer/blogger/vlogger
- Graphic designer/visual communicator
- Community organizer
- Project planner
- Project manager
- Startup thinker/brainstormer
- Fundraiser
- Researcher
- Advocate/activist
- Analyst
- Networker/collaborator

What skills or previous experiences make you an excellent candidate for the National Youth Advisory Council? (no more than 250 words)

Your examples should demonstrate your experience as a leader. These might include:

- Leadership roles you've held at the Club/Youth Center (e.g., Keystone President)
- Leadership roles you've held in school (e.g., Assistant Coach for Swim Team)
- Internships or volunteer work you've done (e.g., Coordinator for Community Food Drive)

What is one thing that you would want your Club/Youth Center staff to know or change that would improve the Club/Youth Center experience for you and your peers? (no more than 50 words)

What are you most passionate about? (no more than 100 words)



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Staff Recommendation

We are asking that every applicant provide at least one staff advisor at your Boys & Girls Club/Youth Center who can serve as a reference and accountability partner for the National Youth Advisory Council. Please provide information below for your staff advisor.

Staff Advisor First Name: _____

Staff Advisor Last Name: _____

Staff Advisor Work Email: _____

Staff Advisor Work Phone Number (include area/country code): _____

Tell Us About You!

Now we would like to learn a little more about you!

Demographic Questions

What's one fun thing about you that you'd like us to know?

How did you hear about the National Youth Advisory Council? (Select all that apply)

- The Teen Newsletter
- BGCA Tap In (Instagram)
- TLC Newsletter
- Club/Youth Center Staff Member
- Club/Youth Center Social Media
- Another Club/Youth Center Teen
- Youth of the Year team communication
- Other - Write In (Required) _____

THANK YOU!

We look forward to reviewing your responses!

We will review applications in March-April and you can expect to hear back from us no later than April 30, 2026.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at YAC@bgca.org and make sure to CC your staff advisor when you reach out.