



Want to Shape the Future of Boys & Girls Clubs?

Join BGCA's National Youth Advisory Council!

We're looking for 12 teen leaders from Clubs and Youth Centers to give their generation a voice. These teens will advise the national office and help make decisions about programs for young people in Clubs and Youth Centers across the country and world.



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Application!**

CALLING ALL TEENS



What Council Members Will Do

- Serve for one school year, from August 2026 to May 2027.
- Attend a mandatory in-person kick-off event on July 8-9, 2026 in Atlanta, Georgia.
 - *Note: For military-connected teens and staff: If selected, BGCA is committed to working with your organization to work out the logistics and permissions related to travel for the kick-off.*
- Participate in 10 virtual monthly meetings during the school year, with the expectation of missing no more than one meeting per semester.
- Collaborate with BGCA staff on national programs and use their unique perspectives to help BGCA support local Clubs and Youth Centers.

How will the Council Benefit its Members?

- Build relationships with other teens from across the country.
- Develop leadership and professional skills through hands-on experience and mentorship.
- Learn research skills and gather feedback from their peers.
- Be paid for their service, earning \$50 for each meeting they attend (for a total of up to \$500).

Eligibility and How to Apply

- To apply, you must be a current Club or Youth Center member between the ages of 14 and 17.
- The online application form opens on March 2, 2026 and will close March 20, 2026.
- You will need to have a staff advisor who will guide and support you throughout the program.

Before you apply, we encourage you to:

- Visit the National Youth Advisory Council webpage, www.bgca.org/NYAC.
- Think about your schedule for the next school year – would serving on this Council fit with your other commitments and goals?
- Talk with your family about the opportunity and the responsibilities you'll have if you're selected.
- Identify a staff member at your Club or Youth Center who knows you well and ask them to be your advisor. On the application you will be asked to provide their name and contact information. Staff advisors may be asked to write a recommendation.

Ready to Apply? Fill out the [online application](#).

Questions? Email us at yac@bgca.org.



BGCA will cover costs for organizations, teens or staff to participate in the council. If technology access is a barrier, BGCA will provide support.