



## UNITED STATES YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS MEMBER APPLICATION



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The United States Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer youth employment program that engages young people in meaningful work experiences on national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and fish hatcheries while developing an ethic of environmental stewardship and civic responsibility. YCC members work on projects that promote awareness and appreciation of the public lands legacy and the nation's natural, cultural, and historic resources.

The YCC is administered jointly by the U.S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture – U.S. Forest Service. Housing is not provided unless the specific YCC site/program has clearly indicated that their program provides housing.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- ✓ Be at least 15 years of age at the start of enrollment and must not reach age 19 before completion of the program
- ✓ Be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States, its territories, or its possessions
- ✓ Provide or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of the applicant's home state
- ✓ Provide a valid U.S. Social Security number or have applied for a valid Social Security number
- ✓ Be able to fulfill the essential functions of the assigned work with or without a reasonable accommodation
- ✓ Be actively committed and willing to complete the assigned work project

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

The YCC affords members a variety of opportunities to work on projects, such as constructing and repairing trails, preserving and repairing historic buildings, removing invasive species, assisting with wildlife and land research, leading environmental education programs, and supporting agency staff.

### HOW TO APPLY

For more information on how to apply to YCC programs and opportunities, please visit agency webpages for locations, application process, due dates, and points of contact. Eligible applicants should follow the instructions for completing and submitting the application as directed by YCC program sites. Applicants may also contact the nearest YCC program office managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or U.S. Forest Service for more information.

Please visit the following sites for YCC opportunities:

- National Park Service: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/ycc.htm>
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: <https://fws.gov/youth-conservation-corps>
- U.S. Forest Service: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/opportunities-for-young-people/youth-conservation-corps-opportunities>

Please fill out this application as thoroughly and legibly as possible. Submit the completed application to the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program site location where you would like to work using the YCC mail or email address listed on the Federal agency's website.



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**This application must be filled out completely to determine the applicant's eligibility and availability. Incomplete applications may be rejected. Complete applications include responses to all questions (unless marked optional), parent/guardian contact information, and certification signatures. Eligible applicants are randomly selected to fill open YCC member positions.**

**Tell Us About Yourself**

Please answer the following questions regarding your background, contact, and other information.  
Contact Information

1. Name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gender  Male  Female  Self-identify as \_\_\_\_\_  Non-Binary  Prefer not to disclose
3. Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
5. Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the best way and time to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What YCC site are you applying? Note that a separate application needs to be completed for each site you are applying to. Please specify the session dates if known. Some sites may have more than one session offered, which may be noted on the site's YCC opportunities page.  
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8. Applicants are required to provide their own housing in the local area unless the YCC announcement clearly states that housing is provided as part of the program. Do you currently have housing in the local area from which you can commute each day?  
 Yes  No  N/A: The YCC site has clearly indicated that housing is provided.  
  
If you do not currently have housing, explain your plans for obtaining housing if offered the position. Please note that finding short-term rentals in communities near public lands is often extremely difficult and sometimes does not exist.  
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9. How did you learn about the YCC program? (Select all that apply)  
 Website  Past/Current YCC Member  School Counselor/School Newspaper/School Newsletter  
 Poster  Federal Staff Member  Online Job Board  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Information**

10. Are you able to perform work that is physically strenuous and in adverse weather conditions such as rain or heat?  Yes  No
11. Will you require a reasonable accommodation (modification or adjustment to a job, the work environment, or the way things are usually done) to perform work that may be assigned to you?  Yes  No



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12. If you answer “no” to question #1, or “yes” to question #2, tell us what types of work you are unable to perform and/or describe the types of accommodations you may need to work in the outdoors or otherwise.

13. Are you a current YCC member or have you served as a YCC member in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the project(s) or work you performed:

\_\_\_\_\_

14. **Tell us why you want to join the YCC.** Optional. Your answer will help the YCC site understand what you hope to get out of the position and how they can provide a positive YCC experience for you. Since selection is random, your response will not be used in the selection process. You may choose not to respond to this question.

**In 250 words or less, please explain why you want to serve as a YCC member**

**15. Additional Information**

Please use this section to answer questions or to include more information to submit a complete YCC application. This section is optional and may be skipped if the applicant has no further information to share





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**NOTICES**

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

**Authority:** 16 USC 1701-1706, Chapter 37 – Youth Conservation Corps and Public Lands Corps, Subchapter I – Youth Conservation Corps (Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-378; 84 Stat. 794) as amended in 1972 (P.L. 92-597) and in 1974 (P.L. 93-408).

**Purpose:** The information is collected to evaluate the eligibility of youth 15-18 years of age for employment with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

**Routine Uses:** The information collected on this form may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in the DOI Office of the Secretary (OS) System of Records Notices INTERIOR/OS-25, YCC Enrollee Records, and INTERIOR/OS-29, YCC Recruitment Files available at <https://www.doi.gov/privacy/os-notices>.

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may disqualify acceptance into the YCC program.

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture – U.S. Forest Service to collect information necessary to assist the agencies in safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the enrollees of the YCC programs. Your response is voluntary, but failure to complete this form may result in exclusion from participation in the YCC program. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1093-0010.

**ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT**

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information to average 25 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Departmental Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240, or via email at [doi-pra@ios.doi.gov](mailto:doi-pra@ios.doi.gov). Please do not send your completed form to this address