

Youth Leadership Council FAQs

FOR YOUTH INTERESTED IN JOINING



Q1. What are NYC YLCs (Youth Leadership Councils)?

They are youth groups that provide a space for NYC youth to be listened to, voice their ideas, and find ways to take action and impact change in their community. NYC Service partners with City agencies and community based organizations to host NYC Youth Leadership Councils (YLCs) in communities across NYC.

Q2. What is a YLC host site?

An organization like a city agency, school, nonprofit, community based organization, NYCHA resident association, community garden, or NYPD precinct that recruits, organizes, and brings together youth members to lead in the community.

Q3. What is an adult facilitator?

This is the main point of contact for a YLC host site, who coordinates meetings and works in partnership with youth in creating civic change and community impact.

Q4. What is the timeline for the program year?

Most YLCs follow the school year timeline – September to June. However, the timeline can change according to an organization's schedule. For example, GreenThumb YLCs operate March – October to follow the garden season.

Q5. How can NYC youth join?

Applying is easy! You can discover which YLC(s) to join, fill out your application information, and attach additional files using one simple online form on [GenerationNYC](#).

Helpful tips to apply:

- Read the description of YLCs by selecting them from the YLC dropdown
- Apply to up a maximum of three YLCs
- If you want to save and finish the application later, follow the instructions at the "Save and Resume Later" link at the bottom of the form

Q6. Who can participate in a YLC?

You can apply to a YLC if you're between ages 14 and 21 and currently enrolled in high school or an equivalency program. Some host sites have other requirements, so be sure to look at the "eligibility requirements" listed by each YLC host site on the application page.

Q7. What benefits do YLC members gain from being part of the NYC YLC network?

YLC members will:

- Gain insight into potential college and career opportunities
- Understand how NYC works and gain real-world experience
- Get community service hours
- Develop personal and professional skills
- Learn about events and other opportunities in NYC
- Meet fellow youth interested in leadership and making change
- Receive a certificate of achievement

Q8. How many meetings are YLC members required to attend each month?

YLCs typically meet at least once a month, but most meet every other week (2-3 times a month). Speak to the adult facilitator about the exact number of meetings members are expected to attend during the application process.

Q9. How will YLCs operate during Covid-19?

Until further notice, NYC Service recommends virtual meetings to all YLC host sites. Reach out to the host site you apply to for further details on their plans to host meetings, events, or other programs during Covid-19.