



United States Youth Conservation Corps

Crew 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.

YCC is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

Program Benefits

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.

Program Structure

YCC projects can range up to 10 weeks in duration. YCC members are expected to work up to a maximum of eight hours a day for a total of 40 hours a week. YCC members are paid the federal minimum wage, or the state minimum wage if higher.

Most YCC jobs are locally based and members will commute to the project site daily. Members will be expected to provide their own transportation to and from the work site. YCC members may be exposed to physical work, insects, poison oak and ivy, adverse weather, and outdoor working conditions up to eight hours a day during their employment.

Some units may offer residential YCC programs which allow interested youth from communities not within commuting distance to participate. Residential programs are available at select National Park Service and Forest Service units and may include organized service learning and other extra-curricular activities. Members may be expected to contribute to their housing costs during participation in a residential program.

How to Apply

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

For YCC opportunities with the Forest Service, please visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/opportunities-for-young-people/youth-conservation-corps-opportunities>

For YCC opportunities with the National Park Service, please visit: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/ycc.htm>

For YCC opportunities with the Fish & Wildlife Service, please visit: <https://www.fws.gov/refuges/about/studentEmploymentOpp.html>



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Tell us where you want to join YCC

Please answer the following questions about where you would like to work.

Do you have a preference for working with a particular land management agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- ☐ U.S. Forest Service
- ☐ U.S. National Park Service
- ☐ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Do you have a specific land management location where you want to work?

☐ Yes. My preferred location is

Name/Location

☐ No. If no, select all that apply.

- ☐ I am interested in local programs within daily commuting distance of my home.
- ☐ I am interested in residential programs.

Tell us about yourself

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

First name	Middle name	Last name	Suffix
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Does not identify	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Age	
Address Street	City	State	Zip
Email	Phone 1	Phone 2	
What is the best way and time to contact you?		What date can you start?	

Emergency Contact Information 1		Emergency Contact Information 2	
First name	Last name	First name	Last name
Relationship to applicant		Relationship to applicant	
Phone 1	Phone 2	Phone 1	Phone 2
Email		Email	

How did you learn about the YCC program? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Website/Search Engine/Social Media
- ☐ School Counselor
- ☐ Forest Service, National Park Service, or Fish & Wildlife Staff Member
- ☐ Past/Current YCC Member
- ☐ Poster
- ☐ Other _____

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Other Information

Are you unable to perform work that could be physically strenuous and in adverse weather conditions such as rain or heat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you require accommodations to perform work that may be assigned to you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer yes to either question, 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. Please use the space below or continue on page 5.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony offense? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently on probation for a criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer yes to either question, identify the criminal offense, the date or dates of the offense and/or the terms of your probation. Please use the space below or continue on page 5.

Tell us why you want to join YCC

Please use the space below to complete the following essay question or continue on page 5.

Essay Question: In 250 words or less, please explain why you want to serve as a YCC Crew Member.

Optional

You may submit an optional one page resume as an attachment to this application.

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This application must be filled out completely to determine the applicant's eligibility and availability. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Complete applications include responses to all questions, parent/guardian contact information and certification signatures. An optional resume may also be submitted with the application but is not required.

Certify your application

Please certify your application for the YCC program.

I am familiar with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program and interested in working to develop and maintain the natural and cultural resources of the United States.

I certify that I understand the work and environmental conditions that might exist while serving as a YCC member. I understand that I may be exposed to physical work, insects, poison oak and ivy, adverse weather, and outdoor working conditions up to eight hours a day during service.

I certify that I meet all YCC program eligibility requirements. I am a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories or its possessions. I have or am applying for a valid U.S. Social Security number. I will be at least 15 years of age by the beginning of enrollment and will not reach age 19 before completion of the program. And finally, if selected, I will obtain a work permit, if required.

I certify that all information I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that incorrect statements constitute grounds for immediate dismissal. With my signature, I certify that I give my permission for this form to be reviewed by any YCC official.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

For applicants under the age of 18:

By signing this document, I, the parent/legal guardian of the above applicant, acknowledge that I have discussed the YCC program with the applicant. I give permission for the applicant to apply for and participate in, the YCC program, if chosen.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT FOR THE YCC APPLICATION (FS-1800-18)

The following information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (PL-579). 5 U.S.C. 301 and 7 CFR 260 authorize acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data will be used in the selection process of applicants for the YCC crews, and for contacting the selected applicants. This information is requested on a voluntary basis, failure to complete this form will result in exclusion from the program. Privacy Act Systems of Records USDA/FS-29, INTERIOR/OS-25 Youth Conservation Corps Enrollee Records and USDA/FS-30, INTERIOR/OS-29 Youth Conservation Corps Recruitment System cover the collection and storage of, and access to these records.

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To file an Equal Employment opportunity (EEO) complaint with the DOI's National Park Service or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, please visit <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/Complaints-Procedures> for more information on the complaints process and for lists of EEO Counselors in your region.

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Additional Information

Please use this page to answer questions or to include more information to submit a complete YCC application.