

Dear Potential Youth Council Member,

I am so excited you are interested in serving on our Youth Council. My name is Erin Wehrmeister and I am the Associate for Youth Ministries for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

Our Presbytery has a rich history of involvement in Youth Ministry and since we are a Presbytery with so many churches, and so many small churches, a ministry like the Presbytery Youth Council (PYC) is tremendously important.

At this time, we plan and implement day events and 2 overnight retreats each year. Planning and leadership for events is provided by the members of the PYC.

A few things to make note of as you apply:

- Each member is asked to serve a two year term. You may “renew” when your two year term is up, or you may rotate off after one year if necessary.
- All members must be present at the October Presbytery meeting where we as a council are installed.
- Members are asked to be present for at least two youth council events. This includes planning meetings before events. We will schedule those closer to our events.

Our Current Schedule for the 2017-2018 year:

- End-Of-Year Overnight (*for incoming & outgoing PYC*) → Friday, May 12- Saturday, May 13, 2017
Little Chapel on the Boardwalk (Wrightsville Beach, NC)
- PYC Planning Retreat & Training → **THURSDAY**, August 10 – **FRIDAY**, August 11, 2017
Camp Monroe (Laurel Hill, NC)
- *Tentative* “All-Girls Slumber Party”* → Friday, August 18 – Saturday, August 19
- Presbytery Meeting → Saturday, October 14, 2017
- Senior High Retreat → November 18 - 20, 2017
- Middle School Retreat → March 10 - 12, 2018

*“All Guys Youth Event” TBA

We will be adding events. We hope to have one day event per year in each of the three communities in our Presbytery. Plus with a new council, we might decide to try something totally new!

Applications may be returned NOW, and are due no later than AUGUST 1, 2017.

****If you would like to participate in the Beach Retreat, please return applications ASAP!***

Please fill out the application and have your parents & references fill out their pages. If you have any questions (big or small), please email me at presbyccyouth@gmail.com.

In Christ,
Erin Wehrmeister

Youth Application

What is the YOUTH COUNCIL of PRESBYTERY of COASTAL CAROLINA?

The Youth Council is a group of high school young people, with the assistance of a few adult leaders, who have the opportunity to serve the church and their peers as they plan and implement Presbytery-wide youth events for middle and high school youth. This council should reflect the diversity, creativity, and dedication of our Presbytery Youth within our own presbytery and throughout our communities.

Being a member of the Youth Council requires regular participation in planning meetings and events, a willingness to learn new skills and eventually provide leadership, and regular participation in local church youth and congregational activities. It is hard work and will make demands on busy schedules, but the experience will also be very rewarding. Youth Council members will develop leadership and planning skills, experience many unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth from around the Presbytery.

If you are elected to serve on the Youth Council, you will initially be making a 2 year commitment of your time and talents to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina (depending on your grade). Again depending on your grade, at the end of your first term, you may be able to reapply to serve a second 1-2 year term.

Your commitment will include attendance Youth Council meetings each year (day meetings and/or overnight), plus attendance at the Presbytery youth events the Youth Council plans.

Agreeing to serve on the Youth Council, if elected, is a decision that should be made carefully. If you are elected, you will be making an important commitment to the Presbytery. The other members of the Youth Council will need to be able to count on you for your regular attendance, support, and participation in meetings and events. We need young people who can make that kind of commitment and then be responsible in keeping it.

If you are elected to the Youth Council, you will be serving as a role model for other youth in your church and within the presbytery. ***Your behavior, language, and involvement in your local church and the presbytery should reflect positively on the Youth Council.***

Thank you for considering this opportunity for additional involvement in youth activities in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.





**YOUTH APPLICATION
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
YOUTH COUNCIL**

PLEASE PRINT Name: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of birth: _____ Present Grade _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of Church: _____

Region: *(please circle)* **Western / Central / Eastern**

* Are you a member of your church? (Please circle) **YES / NO**

* Are you able to participate in your church on a regular basis? **YES / NO**

If not, please explain why not:

* Why do you want to be on the Youth Council of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina?

* What skills or gifts do you feel you have to contribute to Youth Council?

*What does your Christian faith mean to you and how do you express it in your day-to-day life?

* Knowing that they may change as time goes on, right now, what are some of your hopes, dreams, or goals for your future?

* In what areas are you involved in the life of your school and community? (Be sure to include leadership roles, if any.)

* In what areas are you involved in the life of your church? (Again, be sure to include leadership roles.)

* Please list all of the Presbytery, local church and national events (*such as camps, conferences, rallies, retreats, etc.*) you have attended and include any leadership roles you may have had: ****If you have never attended events like these, please explain what you look forward to about them:***

* Do you understand that if you are elected to serve on the Youth Council, you will be making a 1-2 year commitment of your time and talents to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina? This commitment will include at least two Youth Council meetings each year (day and/or overnight), plus attendance at Presbytery youth events (retreats, rallies, etc.)

_____ Yes, I understand the responsibilities involved. If elected, I am able and willing to make that commitment.

Applicant's Signature

In order for us to know that your church session is aware of your interest in being on Presbytery's Youth Council, please have the appropriate people sign below.

Signature of Pastor or Educator

Signature of Current Session Member
(other than parent)

**Please return this application form to:
Youth Council c/o Erin Wehrmeister
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
807 West King Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337**

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PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA YOUTH COUNCIL REFERENCE FORM (*not applicant's parent)

The young person listed below is applying for a 1-2 year term on Presbytery of Coastal Carolina's Youth Council.

The position involves:

- Planning and implementing Presbytery-wide youth events for middle and high school youth
- Regular participation in planning meetings and events
- A willingness to learn new skills and eventually provide leadership
- A willingness to take part in training opportunities provided for the Youth Council
- Regular participation in local church youth and congregational activities.

We would appreciate your comments regarding this youth's application for the position. **Your comments will be kept confidential. Feel free to use the back of this sheet of paper for additional comments.**

NAME OF YOUTH APPLICANT: _____

Name of Church: _____

How well do you know this youth?

Do you feel this youth has the skills, abilities, and leadership potential to enable them to be an effective member of the Presbytery Youth Council? Why or why not?

In what areas, if any, does the applicant need further growth and maturity?

Is the applicant active in the life of your congregation? In what ways?

Would this youth make a good role model and example for other youth? In what ways? Does he/she relate well to his/her peers?

Do you perceive that the applicant's family will be supportive of their participation on the Youth Council, if they are selected?

Additional comments:

Signature of Reference

Date

Title/Position in Church (*Pastor, Youth Leader, Church School Teacher, etc. -not applicant's parent*)

**Please return this reference form to: Youth Council c/o Erin Wehrmeister
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, 807 West King Street, Elizabethtown, NC 28337**

**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA YOUTH COUNCIL
Parent/Guardian Statement of Support**

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina's Youth Council is offering its high school members the opportunity to serve the church and their peers as they plan and implement Presbytery-wide youth events.

It will be hard work and will make demands on busy schedules, but the experience will also be very rewarding and educational. Youth Council members will develop leadership and planning skills, experience many unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth from around the Presbytery.

An important component of an effective Presbytery Youth Council is having parents of the youth who are supportive of their responsibilities, and are willing to encourage their active participation on the Council.

If your youth is selected to serve on the Council, we would need to know that it meets with your approval and that you would provide encouragement, support, and occasional help in making transportation arrangements to and from meetings and events.

I am aware that _____ is applying for a 1-2 year position on the Youth Council for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. I understand that at the end of that time, depending on his/her age, he/she may be able to apply for a second 1-2 year term. If she/he is selected, I will support his/her participation on the Youth Council.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

Optional:

Do you wish to be informed via email regarding PYC meetings and activities? YES / NO

This will be the same email sent to your youth at the email address they are providing to the presbytery -- WITH the understanding that your youth will be primarily responsible with communicating in the expected, timely manner.

If Yes, please CLEARLY PRINT your email address: _____

***Please return this support form to:
Youth Council c/o Erin Wehrmeister
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
807 West King Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337.***