



PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA YOUTH COUNCIL Youth Application 2018-2019

What is the YOUTH COUNCIL? The Presbytery Youth Council (PYC) is a group of high school students, with the assistance of a few adult leaders, who plan and implement Presbytery-wide events for middle and high school youth. This council should reflect the diversity, creativity, and dedication of our Presbytery Youth and throughout our communities.

Requirements:

- Must be a rising 9th-12 grader and member of a Presbyterian church in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
- Regular participation in planning meetings and events
- Willingness to learn new skills and eventually provide leadership
- Regular participation in local church youth & congregational activities

The PYC is challenging and will make demands on busy schedules, but the experience is very rewarding. PYC members develop leadership and planning skills, experience unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth from around the Presbytery.

Agreeing to serve on the PYC, is a decision that should be made carefully. The other members of the PYC need to be able to count on you for 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.

Things to know as you apply:

- Each member is asked to serve a two year term. Youth may “renew” when your term is up, or you may rotate off, if needed.
- All members should be present at Installation during the October Presbytery meeting
- Members are asked to be present for at *least* two youth council events. This includes planning meetings before events. Those are scheduled closer to our events.
- If elected, you initially make a 1-2 year commitment of time & talents to our Presbytery
- If elected, you serve as a role model for others. Your behavior, language, and involvement in your church and the presbytery should reflect positively on the PYC.

Predicted Schedule for 2018-2019:

- End-Of-Year Overnight (for incoming & outgoing PYC) → May 2018
- PYC Planning Retreat & Training → August 2018
- **Presbytery Meeting – PYC Installation Service → Saturday, October 20, 2018**
St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church (Wilmington)
- Senior High Retreat → November 16 - 18, 2018
- Middle School Retreat → March 2019

Tentative Events

- “All-Girls Slumber Party” → August 2018 -- Friday-Saturday
- “All Guys” Overnight → August 2018

We hope to add a day event in each of the three communities in our Presbytery AND as a new council, we can always try something totally new!

Applications may be returned NOW, and are due no later than AUGUST 1, 2018.

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



Youth Council Application

Feel free to use an additional page, if needed.

PLEASE PRINT Name: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Current Grade (circle) 8 9 10 11

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

* What skills or gifts will you bring to Youth Council?

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

* List the church activities you are involved in, both as a participant and in a leadership role.

* List other activities you participate in and leadership roles you have:

* List Presbytery, local church and national events (*such as camps, conferences, retreats, etc.*) you've attended. Include any leadership roles; ****If you have never attended events like these, please explain what you look forward to about them:***

“By signing this application, I wish to be considered for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Youth Council (PYC).

If selected, I commit to regular participation in planning sessions and youth council events. This is a 1-2 year commitment of my time and talents and I commit to participate in at least two Youth Council events each year.

If I cannot fulfill my obligations, I understand that I will need to relinquish my position. I will pray for the work of Christ's church, the work of the PYC, and the youth & adults of the Presbytery.”

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Congregation Endorsement

“We understand the expectations of members of the PYC, as well as the opportunities this ministry provides.

We heartily endorse this young person's nomination for the PYC and will provide our support for this person's attendance and participating in the meetings, work, and events of the council.”

Minister / Clerk of Session / Educator: _____ Date: _____

Current Session Member (*Other than parent*): _____ Date: _____

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

PYC Reference Form

The young person listed below is applying for a 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
- 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 if needed.**

NAME OF YOUTH APPLICANT: _____

Name of Church: _____

How long have you known 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, Elder, 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**

Parent/Guardian Statement of Support

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina's Youth Council is offering 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 PYC 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: _____

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