

# YOUTH COUNCIL

ALWAYS FUN

ALWAYS CHALLENGING

## why should YOU apply?

When I was in 6th grade, I went to Camp Grier, a middle school retreat put on by the presbytery and led by PYC members. I remember within the first night I was already asking my pastor about how and when I could be like the high schoolers in the blue shirts leading everything. Ever since then, I counted down the years until I was a sophomore and could finally join PYC. I already knew I was going to enjoy it, but never did I think it would turn into the most amazing experience I've had. Through PYC, I've met some of my best friends and I've learned so much about myself and about God. Each year as we welcome new members and say goodbye to old ones, we become a family with an irresistible bond. I can't stress enough how amazing it has been. Whether you're an energetic open person or you're quiet and nervous around people, PYC is still the place to be. It will help you open up to others and learn how to be a strong leader. As our theme last year said, why wait? Do faith!! Join PYC before it's too late!

Elizabeth Norvell



PYC is an amazing opportunity to meet youth from around WNC and exchange ideas on how to spread the word with other. It's a lot of fun with great bonding activities that allows the group to grow close and and be a part of something amazing. It's nice to see how when we all come together and exchange ideas to then use at

retreats and rallies. We can inspire people and help them understand the Word and grow in their faith. I highly recommend anyone to apply and participate in PYC.

Oscar Martinez

Questions?

Email Beth Gunn at [beth.gunn@gmail.com](mailto:beth.gunn@gmail.com)

Although I have only been on the Presbyterian Youth Council for one year, it has helped me to grow and change in so many ways. Before serving, I had never attended a single PYC event let alone led one, so all of this was pretty new to me. I used teamwork and leadership skills to help others grow in their faith as I grew in mine. I'm so thankful that I could serve for my senior year and I'm grateful for all of the amazing people I have met through PYC. My only regret is that I didn't join sooner!

Makahla Stout

PYC has been an amazing experience. Through this leadership opportunity, I have gained many friends & learned exciting ways to experience & lead ministry. With training from our mentors as well as learning from my fellow PYC members I have improved my leadership skills. The leadership skills I have gained have given me many opportunities in other areas of my life. PYC is a fun way to find out how God is calling you to lead your fellow youth. Everyone should take the opportunity to be a part of such a fun learning experience. The friends & connections I have made through this incredible experience will stay with me forever.

Rebecca Heidenfelder

**Applications due  
by June 1st**

## Youth Council Application

The Youth Ministry Committee is seeking rising 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders to  
join the Youth Council for 2017-2018  
Due by June 1st, 2017

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (what name we should call you): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church where you are member: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2017/18): \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations (please have them fill out the attached recommendation)

Name of Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Youth Leader / Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Minister / Elder / Educator: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please answer the following questions:**

In what ways have you been active in your church or ministry? (check all that apply)

- I regularly attend Sunday School
- I regularly attend worship
- I regularly attend youth meetings and activities
- I have participated in youth/church mission trips
- I have a set devotional/prayer life
- I am part of other Christian groups (please list)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I participate in Bible Study
- I have been confirmed: When \_\_\_\_\_ and where \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a Ruling Elder (youth elder)
- I have or now participate in choir/youth choir/other church music groups
- I have participated in Youth Sunday at my church
- I have participated in worship leadership other than Youth Sunday
- I have helped at Vacation Bible School/nursery care/church baby-sitting as  
needed
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1) In what presbytery youth events and activities have you participated?

\_\_\_ Middle School retreat at Camp Grier

\_\_\_ High School mission retreat

\_\_\_ Youth Rally at Montreat

\_\_\_ Summer Montreat Youth Conferences

\_\_\_ Presbytery youth mission (summer trips like AYM)

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Besides school, family, and church what other things require your time, energy and commitment?

\_\_\_ I work after school

\_\_\_ I am in the band/chorus/other extracurricular groups

List -

\_\_\_ I am a Scout or participate in other similar community organizations

\_\_\_ I participate in sports at school or in private organizations

a. Fall \_\_\_\_\_ (list)

b. Winter \_\_\_\_\_ (list)

c. Spring \_\_\_\_\_ (list)

d. Summer \_\_\_\_\_ (list)

3) What gifts/talents do you have that would be important to the Youth Council?

\_\_\_ Meet people easily

\_\_\_ Lead activities well

\_\_\_ Speak well in front of people

\_\_\_ Am good at planning events

\_\_\_ Pay close attention to details

\_\_\_ Follow through with tasks

\_\_\_ Sing or play an instrument (list) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Have a heart to serve others

\_\_\_ Am a good listener

\_\_\_ Have artistic skills

\_\_\_ Have computer/tech skills

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4) The best ways to get in touch with me are:

\_\_\_ Cell Phone

\_\_\_ Texting

\_\_\_ Email

\_\_\_ Facebook Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Instagram Name \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5) What's your favorite Bible story and why?

6) How do you live out your faith in your everyday life?

7) Why do you want to serve on the Youth Council?

Applicant's Agreement:

In signing below, I understand the responsibilities and requirements expected of me as member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's Youth Council, and I am aware that there are costs involved for some events (see attached schedule). I understand that failure to abide by these expectations listed in the Job Description will result in my removal from the Youth Council. I understand that *three absences* from rallies, retreats, or council meetings during the August 2017 to July 2018 year will result in my removal from the council. If selected for youth council, I give permission for my photograph to be used in publicity.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We the session of \_\_\_\_\_ affirm  
\_\_\_\_\_ 's application to serve on the Youth Council of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. We will strive in every way to stay in contact with this applicant, helping them continue to grow in faith and maintain their responsibility as a representative to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

**In signing this commitment, the Session agrees to invite our youth council member(s) to a Session meeting at least once during the 2017-18 school year to share with the Session the work of the council.**

Clerk of Session: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this application along with your answers by **June 1st** to:

**PWNC Youth Ministries Committee  
114 Silver Creek Road  
Morganton, NC 28655  
Fax # - 828-437-8655**

**Parent / Guardian Recommendation**  
**Due by June 1st**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's (1) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's (2) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Recommendation Questions: (Please briefly answers these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form)*

- 1) What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant?
- 2) How would you characterize this applicant's dependability (following through on responsibilities)?
- 3) Is the applicant actively and willingly participating in church activities? Please give examples.
- 4) Do you have any reservations about this applicant's serving as a leader for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's youth ministry? If so please describe?
- 5) What are some of the ways that your youth will grow from serving on the Youth Council?

Presbytery Youth Council offers its members the opportunity to serve the church and their peers as they plan and implement presbytery-wide youth events. It is hard work and makes demands on busy schedules, but the experience is also very rewarding and faith-building. Youth Council members will develop leadership and planning skills, experience many unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth.

An important component of an effective Presbytery Youth Council is parents/guardians of the youth. Being supportive of their responsibilities and encouraging their active participation on the council is essential. If your child is selected to serve on the Council, we need to know that it meets with your approval and that you would provide encouragement, support, and help in making transportation arrangements to and from events and meeting.

I am aware that \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a position on the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Youth Council and have read the job description for the youth council members. I will support their participation on Youth Council if they are selected. I understand that *three absences* from rallies, retreats, or council meetings during the August 2017 to July 2018 year will result in my child's removal from the council. I understand that while the participation of each youth council member is supported financially by the Presbytery, there are some events for which my child is expected to pay a portion of the fee (see attached schedule).

Parent / Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Submit this form along with the answers to:  
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**Youth Leader / Director Recommendation**  
***Due by June 1st***

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's (1) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's (2) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Recommendation Questions: (Please briefly answers these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form)*

- 1) How long have you known the applicant?
- 2) How would this person be a good role model and example for others?
- 3) Do you have any reservations about this applicant's serving as a leader in youth ministry for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina? If so please describe?
- 4) Do you perceive that the applicant's family will be supportive of their participation on youth council, if they are selected?
- 5) Is the applicant active in the life of your congregation? In what ways?
- 6) Please comment on the applicant's dependability - follows through on responsibilities, participation in church activities and participation in Church youth activities.

**Youth Leader / Director Agreement:**

In signing below, I affirm my responses to this recommendation form and will accept this Youth Council Applicant's role as a representative of this church, if selected. I will strive in every way to stay in contact with this applicant, helping them to continue to grow in faith and maintain their responsibility as a representative to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. I will see that this youth person is invited to a Session meeting during the year to report on his/her work. I understand that *three absences* from rallies, retreats, or council meetings during the August 2017 to July 2018 year will result in removal from the council.

Youth Leader / Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minister / Elder Recommendation**  
***Due by June 1st***

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's (1) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's (2) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Recommendation Questions: (Please briefly answers these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form)*

- 1) How long have you known the applicant?
- 2) How would this person be a good role model and example for others?
- 3) Do you have any reservations about this applicant's serving as a leader in youth ministry for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina? If so please describe?
- 4) Do you perceive that the applicant's family will be supportive of their participation on youth council, if they are selected?
- 5) Is the applicant active in the life of your congregation? In what ways?
- 6) Please comment on the applicant's dependability - follows through on responsibilities, participation in church activities and participation in Church youth activities

Minister/Elder

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Minister / Elder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***SCHEDULE for August 2017 – July 2018 Youth Council Retreats, Rallies, Planning Meetings and Events***

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost?</b>
Orientation Event <b>Mandatory Attendance</b>	August 26-27, 2017	TBA	\$25
Planning Meeting for Youth Rally	September 9, 2017	FPC Morganton	none
Youth Rally	September 24, 2017	Montreat, NC	none
Planning Meeting for M.S. Retreat	October 21, 2017	Black Mtn.	none
Middle School Retreat	November 10-12, 2017	Camp Grier, NC	\$25
Planning Meeting for H.S. Retreat	February 24, 2018	Hickory	none
High School Mission Retreat	March 16-17, 2018	TBA	\$10
Planning Meeting for Youth Adventure Day	April 14, 2018	FPC Asheville	None
Youth Adventure Day	April 28th, 2018	Camp Grier, NC	None
Mission Trip for Presbytery Youth	July, 2018		TBD