

**HOLSTON PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHURCH _____ EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____ Able to Text: Y / N On Facebook: Y / N

Briefly respond to the following questions and statements: (you may add a page if necessary)

Why I would like to be involved with the Presbytery's Youth Council:

Ways in which I can share my gifts and talents:

I understand that if accepted I would be making a commitment to meet the criteria and responsibilities listed on the other side of this page:

Applicant's signature

Parent's Responsibility: As the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above applicant, I (we) understand that if elected to the Youth Council, my (our) child's commitment is also mine (ours). By signing below, I (we) agree to support my (our) child in this decision by possibly having to provide transportation, alter some family activities, incur some cost, and offer encouragement to my (our) child in this work.

Parent's signature

Church Leader's Recommendation: Please provide (on a separate sheet of paper) a recommendation concerning the applicant's Christian faith and commitment to the life of the local church.

You are invited!

Consider becoming a member of the Holston Presbytery Youth Council.

What a membership on the Youth Council of Holston Presbytery offers you:

- A way to put your faith into action
- A way to honor God by using your gifts and talents to serve the larger church
- A way to serve your home church in the Presbytery
- A way to develop your leadership skills
- A way to have the voice of youth heard in important ways within the Presbyterian Church
- A way to influence the style and content of Holston Presbytery youth events
- A way to develop a group of friends across all of Holston Presbytery

What is expected of you as a member of the Youth Council (Adults and Youth)

- Pray for the members of the Youth Council and the work that we do together
- Attend and participate in all Youth Council meetings
- Attend and participate in retreats and in special events of the Youth Council
- Communicate with the Council and the Director or Moderator as needed
- Nurture an attitude of encouragement for Council events
- Speak to issues that come before the Council
- Support all decisions made by the Council even if you didn't vote in favor of them
- Carry out all assigned tasks to the best of your ability, and assist with tasks as needed
- **For adults:** Share the advantage of your experience and maturity, while always allowing the young people to express themselves freely and openly. Assist youth members of the Council in their respective areas of responsibility

Criteria for Youth Council membership:

- **Youth** must be at least a rising 9th grader in the fall of the year they apply. Youth remain membership of the council through graduation.
- **Adult** members must be 21 years or older
- **All** members must make a strong commitment to the work of the Youth Council, and commit to attend all meetings and events related to Youth Council
- **All** members must be active members of a Presbyterian congregation within Holston Presbytery.

