

**Youth Preparedness Council** 



# FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Application Form

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#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Name		
Date of Birth	Age	Current Grade in School
Street Address		
City	State	Zip/Postal Code
Email Address	Phone	Number
Gender/Sex		
Parent's/Guardian's Name and Phone Number		
Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)	American Indian or Alaska Native Asian   Black or African American Hispanic or Latino   Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White   Other/choose not to report Value	
Have you previously applied to the Youth Preparedness Council? If yes, what year did you apply?	Yes	No
How did you hear about the Council?		
Would you like to receive information from FEMA about other preparedness opportunities?	Yes	No

# **TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

You must attach two (2) letters of recommendation as part of a complete, eligible application. At least one (1) letter of recommendation must be from an adult who can speak to your experience with preparedness and/or disaster(s). The second letter of recommendation should be from an adult who is familiar with your involvement in the community. Examples of adults who may write letters of recommendation include group leaders, teachers, advisors/counselors, school administrators, coaches, employers, community or faith leaders, local first responders, or Citizen Corps Council or CERT Program members. You may not submit letters written by family members, relatives, guardians, etc.

	LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Written By (Last name, First name)	
Relationship to applicant	
Written By (Last name, First name)	
Relationship to applicant	

### **ACADEMIC STANDING**

Being a Youth Preparedness Council member is a rewarding and exciting experience, but it is also time-intensive. It is important that Council members use time management skills to balance school, extracurricular activities, and their involvement in the Council. Please submit academic records (e.g., report cards, transcripts) that demonstrate your good academic standing for the current and last school years.

# **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND TRAININGS**

Please list extracurricular activities, extra academic activities, or volunteer activities (including position[s] held, if applicable) that you have participated in.

SAMPLE: DC High School Chess Club; Member 2014-2015; Secretary 2015-2016; Wilson High School

Please list training(s) you have completed that are applicable to emergency preparedness.

SAMPLE: IS-100.B: Introduction to Incident Command System; completed May 2015; Montgomery County

#### **NARRATIVE RESPONSES**

Please respond to the following questions/topics in **EITHER written OR video** form. If responding in writing, complete the fields below, noting the character limit for each response. If responding via video, please be sure to address all eight (8) questions/topics in your video. Please keep your video under 20 minutes in length. You may include the video file as an attachment to your application email **OR** you may upload your video to a video-sharing website (e.g., YouTube) and provide the link in the box below.

Video Link:

1. Why are you a good candidate to join the Youth Preparedness Council? Please include specific examples of how your past leadership experience, previous emergency or preparedness training, and/or connections to the community would impact and contribute to the Council. (Max 700 characters)

2. What, if any, initiatives, activities, or events have you started or led in your school or community? (Max 700 characters)

3. What skills would you bring to the Council? Please provide examples of how you have used these skills in the past. (Max 700 characters)

4. What skills do you hope to develop while on the Council? (Max 700 characters)

5. Please describe up to three (3) examples of your preparedness-related and/or disaster-related experiences. Preparedness-related experience may include participation in preparedness activities and ways you have prepared yourself, your family, and your community for future disasters. Disaster-related experience may include actions taken to respond or recover and lessons learned for future disasters. (Max 700 characters each)

6. Please describe any volunteer or extracurricular activities/projects you currently participate in that you would use as a platform to promote disaster preparedness. Examples may include incorporating preparedness education into school sports teams, Scout groups, etc. (Max 700 characters)

7. Please describe any experience you have in public speaking, outreach, and publishing and how you would use this experience to promote preparedness while serving on the Council. (Max 700 characters )

8. Each Council member is required to complete youth preparedness projects during his or her term.

**Part A:** Please propose a local or regional project that you might complete independently as a member of the Youth Preparedness Council. Please note that if you are selected for the Council, you will have the opportunity to revise your proposed project, if desired. For examples of the types of projects that current Council members are completing, please visit www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council. (Max 700 characters)

**Part B:** Please propose a national project that you might complete with fellow Council members during your second year on the Youth Preparedness Council. (Max 700 characters)

# SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Supplemental materials are welcome but not required. Possible supplemental materials include news about a preparedness or disaster response activity in which you participated, preparedness materials that you developed, or pictures and video of a preparedness activity in which you participated. Videos uploaded to video-sharing websites (e.g., YouTube) may be included by providing direct links. Below, please identify any other files or links that you are submitting with your Youth Preparedness Council application. Please provide a brief description of each file or link.

File Name 1:	
Description:	
File Name 2:	
Description:	
File Name 3:	
Description:	

### **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

The complete application—one (1) application form, one (1) video response (if applicable), two (2) letters of recommendation, academic records (current and last school years), and any optional supplemental materials—should be sent in one (1) email to FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov.