

Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Episcopal Youth Community Board

The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Board is seeking applicants for the 2026-2027 school year. Serving on the EYC Board requires both commitment and sacrifice, but it is an exciting opportunity to be a leader in the diocese. The Board is comprised of up to nine youth members, preferably one youth representative from each of the nine convocations in the diocese. The Board's mission is to help youth in the diocese grow in their spiritual journey and understanding of the Episcopal Church. The Board works closely with the Youth Missioner and other adult leaders to implement events like Spring and Fall Weekends, represent the youth voice at Annual Council, help connect youth with national Episcopal events like the Episcopal Youth Event and Province III gatherings (Middle Atlantic region of Episcopal churches), and are encouraged to explore new ways for youth in the Diocese to grow in community. Typically, the Board meets monthly during the school year. Those meetings will be a mix of Zoom meetings and overnight retreats on a Saturday afternoon-Sunday afternoon in parishes around the diocese.

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible to serve on the EYC Board:

- Have a desire to work in collaboration with other young people and adults from across the Diocese to improve, grow and sustain ministry with and for young people.
- Be a rising 10th - 12th grader beginning in the fall of the application year
- Be an active member of their home parish
- A completed application must be postmarked by the application due date
- Be able to attend all the scheduled EYC meetings, unless otherwise discussed with Youth Missioner
- Board members are called to abide by the EYC Community Standards and uphold these standards
- Be available for an **August 30** introductory meeting

Selection Process

Applications for the EYC Board will be distributed in April, via *Tidings*, the diocesan website, and other venues, to encourage all who are interested to apply. In addition, formation leaders will be actively encouraged to identify youth who meet the application criteria and encourage them to apply. A new board will be selected each year, so youth will need to apply each school year they would like to be a part of the board.

All youth who have submitted a completed application will receive an interview via Zoom in July. Applicants will be interviewed by a team consisting of the Youth Missioner, Canon for Formation, up to two additional adult youth leaders and 1 or 2 youth leaders from the Diocese. These youth would preferably be seniors from the board who are graduating or were the president of the board previously. At the conclusion of the interviews the interview team will provide selection recommendations to the Bishop. The Bishop shall appoint the board members and may request additional information or interviews as needed. The Bishop will appoint a youth to serve as the president at a later time upon the recommendation of the Youth Missioner.

Applying

If you feel that you are able to fulfill all of the commitments and expectations involved in serving as a member of the Board, please complete and return the attached application. A finalized application packet will include: 1) All pages of the application completed and signed, 2) a separate page that addresses the three questions stated in the application, 3) a completed recommendation from either your rector or youth leader, 4) a signed copy of the Community Standards for Youth Programs found on the Diocesan website. Applications must be submitted by **July 10th, 2026**.

Application material should be submitted using one of the following submission options:

Should be emailed to:

amonahan@diosova.org

Or mailed to:

Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
11832 Rock Landing Dr., Suite 100
Newport News, VA 23606-4231
Attn: EYC Board Application

Or faxed to:

757-595-0783

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EYC Board Application and Questions

***Email is the standard form of communication for the EYC Board, so please be sure to include a current working email address in your contact information.

Name: _____

Nickname: _____

What are your preferred gendered pronouns? _____

School You Attend: _____ Grade (2026-2027): 10th 11th 12th

Age: _____ Birthday: _____

Home Address (with city and zip code): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Cell Phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Home Parish/ City: _____

Convocation: _____

Youth Leader name: _____ Rector's name: _____

Please list the extracurricular activities (sports, drama, music, etc.) you plan to participate in during the 2024-2025 school year.

Would you be interested in the role of EYC President, Vice President, or Secretary? Which role? Why?

Please circle or underline the four words or phrases that describe your leadership style:

Center Stage	Ahead of Time	Prayer	Behind the Scenes	Mellow
Teacher	Flexible	Silly	Compromise	Focused
Enthusiastic	Take Charge	Imagine	Listener	Thinker
Collaborate	Assist	Inspire	Serious	In the Moment

Other: _____

Please list any experience and/or training you have in any of the following areas:

Working with Younger Children:

Photography/Videography:

Public Speaking or Teaching:

Writing:

Outdoor Activities:

Art (drawing, painting, etc.):

Leading Group Activities (small groups, icebreakers):

Drama:

Music (vocal or instrumental):

Computer and Technology:

Prayer and Worship (leading Compline, acolyte, reading, etc.):

Please answer the questions below: Please use an additional sheet to respond to these questions in detail.

- 1) How are you involved in the life and ministry of your local Episcopal parish? Do you hold any leadership roles there?
- 2) What does faith mean to you? How do you live out your faith?
- 3) Why do you feel called to serve on the EYC Board? What would you bring to the board?

I acknowledge that the information that I have provided in the material above and in my attached questions are accurate and truthful.

Youth's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

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EYC Board Recommendation Form

To be completed by youth leader or rector

Applicant's Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone number: _____

Length of time you have known the applicant: _____

Questions :

1) Please describe the applicant's involvement in the life and ministry of your parish.

2) What talents, gifts and leadership skills do you witness in this youth that would make them good for this position?

3) This position requires faith, maturity, integrity and commitment. Do you feel that this youth exhibits these qualities?

4) Do you have any reservations about recommending this youth to serve as a member of the EYC Board? Why?

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____