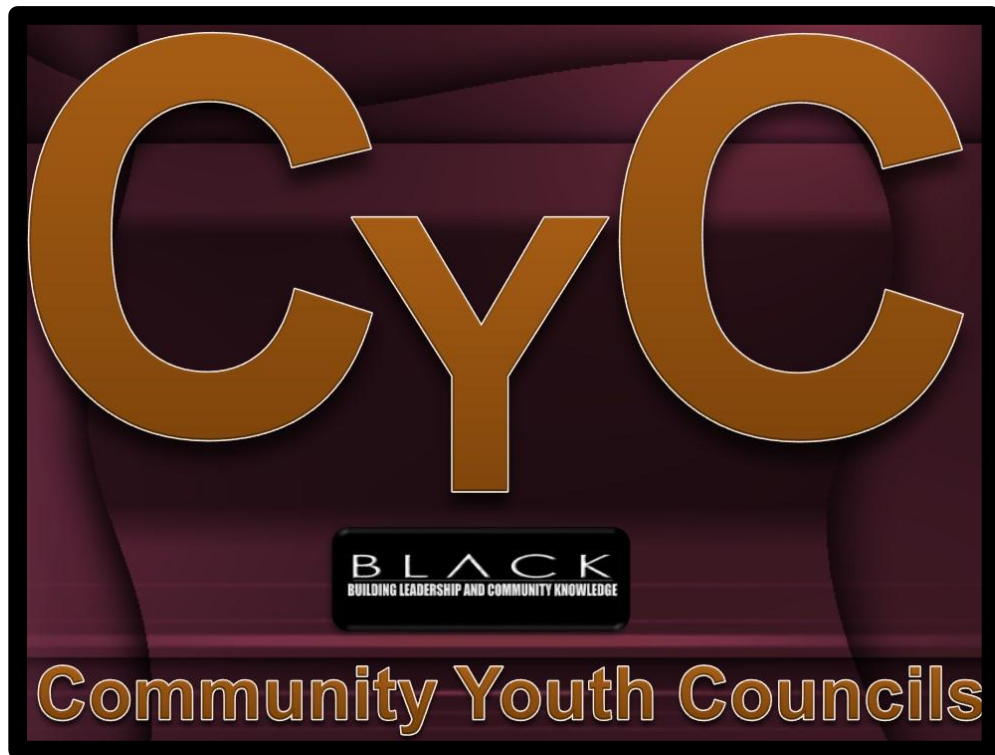




**2026-2027
YOUTH ADVISORY
BOARD
PRE-APPLICATION**

Advisory Board for Community Youth Councils

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**BLACK COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCILS
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB) PRE-APPLICATION
2026-2027 School Year**

The Youth Advisory Board of BLACK Community Youth Councils select up to 12 CYC members for the 2026-2027 CYC Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The YAB will be composed of high school students from across the city who have demonstrated leadership skills and service in their school and community, as well as having experience and service with the CYC program. These students should also possess a commitment to the ideals of CYC. Creative and energetic students are needed to create new materials, plan and attend workshops and provide the youth voice necessary to propel CYC to greater achievements. Applying for the CYC YAB consists of 2 rounds of application processing. Completion of this form is required for Round One. Applicants moving to Round Two, will be notified with additional information and phone interviews.

Qualifications:

- Rising high school freshman through senior year
- Must be willing to be actively engaged as a member of an **existing CYC chapter or other Youth Leadership Organization or School Student Organization**
- Committed to the ideals and principles of CYC, exemplifying these ideals and principles in all aspects of life.
- Creative, energetic, and focused on restorative justice, safety and violence prevention efforts through CYC.

Selected Board Members will be required to:

- Participate in conference calls.
- Attend a leadership institute/summit planning weekend (Tentatively scheduled for October 2025-26).
- Participate in a Presentation/Workshop during the 2026/2027 school year (Date TBD).
- Work independently on assignments throughout the year including answering a Question of the Month, writing an article for the CYC column of the Written Word newsletter, social media and website and talking with the media for interviews.
- Assist in creating youth safety lesson plans and educational components for the CYC Essentials Manual.
- Assist in fundraising activities.
- Assist the National Association of CYC in activities and events throughout the year including assisting with a National Day of Service project, America's Safe School Week, National CYC Day, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, and National Youth Traffic Safety Month and other initiatives.
- Work to strengthen your own CYC chapter while working in your local area to aid other chapters, as well as establish new chapters.
- Exemplify leadership skills and positive character traits to represent the CYC chapters and youth in CYC citywide.

*Travel expenses to institute and events will be covered in part by CYC and fundraising efforts of the YAB. The scheduling of events will depend on funding availability. The National CYC Board of Directors and staff will determine dates and logistical information for events.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS MUST ATTEND ALL REQUIRED EVENTS AND EXEMPLIFY THE IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES OF CYC AT ALL TIMES OR ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE YAB.

If you have the energy, determination and desire to create positive change, please complete this application and return it with **three (3) letters of recommendation**. Suggested sources for recommendations include CYC advisors, teachers, school counselors, School Resource Officers, work supervisors, community leaders, church leaders, youth organization leaders and coaches. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted from family members. **Deadline for receipt of the pre-application: April 30, 2026. Selection for YAB finalist to participate in the round-two application process will be notified in June 2026.**

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION 2026-2027

Please type or print your application.

Full Name: _____ Name Called: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Years as CYC member (Can include grades 6-12 Experience): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Expected year of High School Graduation _____

CYC Leadership Positions held and year: _____

Additional Honors, Skills or Special Recognition: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

School/Agency: _____

School District: _____ County: _____

Administrator: _____ Email: _____

CYC Advisor: _____ Email: _____

School Phone: (____) _____ School Fax: (____) _____

Parent/Guardian Statement:

If my son/daughter is accepted to this position, I will be able to provide transportation to each retreat or airport if out of state, event and meetings. My son/daughter has my permission to be a member of the CYC Youth Advisory Board.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

CYC Chapter Advisor Statement:

Having my CYC member accepted to this position will require my support, as well as the support of our CYC chapter to aid him/her in assigned duties and obligations. I will stay informed of work and events and try to participate in YAB related events if asked by the National Association of CYC.

CYC Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Certification Statement:

I agree that the information provided is accurate. I realize that being accepted as a YAB member is an honor and privilege that also requires hard work and responsibility. If accepted to this position, I will be able to make a considerable time commitment to the YAB (at least 10 hours per month throughout the school year). I will attend all retreats and events.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following questions (in numbered order). The document should not exceed five (5) double-spaced, typed pages.

Questions related to CYC experience:

1. Why/how did you become a member of CYC?
2. How has CYC made a positive difference in your school?
3. How has CYC impacted your life?
4. How are you personally trying to prevent violence? How do you think students can prevent violence?
5. What CYC activity has been the most rewarding to you?
6. Of the three essential elements of CYC (1-Crime Prevention, 2-Conflict Management, & 3-Service Projects) which do you think is the most important in preventing violence? Why?
7. What type of service projects have you been involved with? Describe your service project involvement.
8. What type of leadership role have you taken with your CYC chapter? Include the duties, accomplishments and skills utilized.
9. What do you feel is your best character trait and how will this trait be best utilized on the Youth Advisory Board?
10. Tell us **why** you should be a CYC Youth Advisory Board (YAB) member.
11. Describe what skills, interests, or abilities that you possess that will benefit CYC and the YAB.
12. **What** do you hope to accomplish as a YAB member, and **how** would you accomplish this task. Be creative!

Additional Questions to Address:

13. Describe any other leadership positions that you have held. Include the duties, major accomplishments, and skills utilized.
 14. List any volunteer experiences and the dates/frequency of involvement.
 15. List school honors, memberships to school clubs, sports teams, youth groups or community organizations.
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Check List:

- ☐ Application with appropriate signatures
- ☐ Attached typed document (not exceeding 5 pages) addressing above questions
- ☐ Three (3) letters of recommendation
- ☐ Optional: Other Supporting documentation such as news articles
- ☐ Email before April 30, 2026 to:

CYC YAB Application
YIA@2BLACKExcellence.org

Questions? Call the BLACK National Association of CYC 224 303 0832, or email YIA@2BLACKExcellence.org or visit <https://2blackexcellence.wixsite.com/black> to learn more about the CYC Youth Advisory Board.