

Calling All Youth Responders

Attention all youth ages 12-17, you have just **four days** left to apply for the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC)! FEMA is looking for youth leaders who are dedicated to public service, who are making a difference in their communities and who want to expand their impact as national advocates for youth disaster preparedness. Does this sound like someone you know? Then keep reading!

FEMA launched its YPC last year to give interested youth a forum and collective voice in bettering their communities through emergency response and preparedness. A crisis can occur at home, school, place of worship, or even the playground. Proper preparation can reduce or avert damage. FEMA encourages each person to be prepared, responsive, and committed. Teaching children about emergency preparedness is vital to minimize fear and build the confidence they need to act swiftly and wisely in a crisis or disaster.

FEMA's YPC is a great way to help budding first responders get involved in preparedness-related activities. Council members will attend a YPC Summit on youth disaster preparedness and will also complete a Council project with FEMA support.

To apply, youth must submit a completed application form and two letters of recommendation by February 24, 2014. [Complete application instructions](#) and [the application form](#) are both available online. Read more at <http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>.