



FEMA Seeks Applicants for Youth Preparedness Council

Are you a current 8th, 9th, or 10th grade student making a difference in your community's disaster preparedness?

Have you experienced a disaster that motivated you to make a positive difference in your community?

Do you want to become a national advocate for youth disaster preparedness?

If so, apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council!

Applications must be received by March 20, 2016, 11:59 p.m. PDT.

About the Council

FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council offers a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council; to complete self-selected individual and group youth preparedness projects at the local and national levels; to voice their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions, and questions on youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA and national organizations working on youth preparedness; and to participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit. For more information about the Youth Preparedness Council and FEMA's youth preparedness efforts, please visit www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council and www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness.

Eligibility

Applicants must be current 8th, 9th, or 10th grade students at the time of their application.

The application can emphasize youth disaster preparedness activities that the applicant has participated in or can be related to a disaster the applicant has experienced. The application should describe specific emergency situations and/or examples of disaster preparedness activities that would qualify the applicant to serve on the Council. Sample preparedness activities may include but are not limited to:

- After-school activities
- America's PrepareAthon! participation
- Citizen Corps programs
- Disaster preparedness camps
- Increasing local disaster awareness
- National Preparedness Month participation
- Pet/service animal preparedness
- Rural area preparedness activities
- Teen CERT training
- Under-represented community programs
- Using social media to further disaster preparedness
- Youth club activities (e.g., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts)
- Youth preparedness activities through a faith-based group



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Application Process

The application form can be found at www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council. **Applications must include responses to all of the information requested in the application form; two (2) letters of recommendation; and academic records (e.g., report card, transcript) from the current (2015–2016) and previous (2014–2015) school year.** Please note that FEMA will only consider applications submitted directly by the applicant. Nominations for eligible candidates will not be accepted.

At least one (1) letter of recommendation must be from an adult, age 18 or older, who can speak to the applicant's experience with preparedness and/or disaster(s). The second letter of recommendation should be from an adult who is familiar with the applicant's involvement in the community. Examples of adults who might 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. Family members, relatives, guardians, etc. may not write letters of recommendations. Applications that do not include two (2) letters of recommendation will not be reviewed. Specific information about completing and submitting the application form, letters of recommendation, and optional supplemental materials can be found on the application form and application instructions.

Applications will be reviewed by national and regional FEMA staff. Finalists will be required to participate in a virtual (e.g., Skype) or telephone interview. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2016.

Relevant Documents

- FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Frequently Asked Questions
- FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Member Roles and Responsibilities
- FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Application Instructions