NYAC Members at the NYAC Servant Leadership Academy in La Misión, Mexico

2023 Program Description & Application
“NYAC has taught me that “Here am I, send me!” doesn’t always look like moving across the world. It can also be a willingness to enact change in my local community.”

“I’m not even kidding. NYAC has been the highlight of my senior year!”

**Benefits**

- Receive training in respectful, effective, relational, sustainable service to the materially poor
- Attend NYAC Servant Leadership Academy in Mexico
- Leadership training and spiritual training, inspiration & growth
- 1-on-1 mentoring relationship with HOPEww staff, Global Director, Chapter Director, Evangelist, National Leadership Council or National Chapter Advisory Board Member
- Receive core youth development and non-profit training
- Gain marketable project management experience
- Relationships with amazing young servant leaders from around North America
- Invitations to workshops/Global Summit/Servant Leaders Retreat, etc.
- That cool NYAC Gear!

**Purpose**

The HOPE *worldwide* National Youth Advisory Council’s mission is to provide vision, counsel and creative solutions as servant leaders while engaging fellow youth volunteers in meaningful, ongoing, relationship-oriented service to the materially poor. This service should spring from our relationship with God and loving others as Jesus does.

The purpose of your position as a council member is to capture and share the heart of Jesus through ministering to and journeying with the hungry, the materially poor, the elderly, the sick, the disaster-struck and the brokenhearted. Each NYAC member is to unify youth to serve locally through designing fundraising and service efforts and mobilizing volunteers. To accomplish this, members are to collaborate with local chapter leaders, ministry leaders, community partners and youth volunteers to better serve and meet a variety of significant needs in respectful and effective ways.

“NYAC has shown me that one thing that always proves to unite is service to others.”
Duties and Responsibilities

Members serve a 1-year term and may apply for subsequent terms until aging out of program at the end of the term following college graduation. **This position requires time and commitment. Please count the cost before applying to determine whether you will be able to meet requirements. Members who do not continue to meet expectations may be asked to step down prior to the end of term.**

General Requirements:

- Honor God and self through interactions with council, volunteers, staff and community
- Work alongside & with approval of chapter & church leaders in ministry of helping and healing
- Participate in at least 9 of 11 monthly training calls focused on leadership and nonprofit training
- Read a book on servant-leadership and share highlights with your cohort
- Support local chapter and its leadership team; may include participating in meetings
- Offer youth perspective to National Chapter Advisory Board, Chapter Directors and HOPE staff
- Utilize social media to garner support and to inspire and celebrate what God accomplishes
- Maintain a close relationship with Chapter Leader to ensure community partnerships are sustainable beyond NYAC participation
- Respond within 48 hours to all NYAC related emails, Slack messages, phone calls.
- May be asked to participate in various subcommittees: Social Media, SLA Planning, Selection
- Submit photos and data on NYAC service & fundraising efforts within one week of completion

Fundraisers

- Design, organize and operate a fundraiser to benefit HOPEww Youth Programs with the goal of raising a minimum of $1000.

Passion Programs

- Work with local HOPEworldwide chapter leader to select a need about which you are passionate that effects the materially poor in your community
- Partner with a local organization related to that need if beneficial to do so
- Organize and participate in an ongoing relational project that will help address that need
- Include local community members (fellow church members, classmates, community members)

Summer 2023

- Training Event: participate in weeklong NYAC Servant Leadership Academy (SLA) in La Misión, Mexico in Summer 2023.
- This is the capstone event of your NYAC term and should take priority over other activities including HYC or Teen Camps.

“Serving in this way challenges me and pushes me to be more like Jesus.”
Qualifications

NYAC members should be keen on initiating new ideas and projects and must possess exemplary leadership and communication skills. Members must:

- Be a disciple of Jesus with a dynamic walk with God
- Be in good standing with your church
- Be a responsible, organized, dedicated, dependable, and hardworking leader
- Have the desire and ability to lead other young volunteers
- Have a previous demonstrated track record of local service
- Be a current college student or high school student
- Have a GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Submit $225 annual membership dues, which will be reinvested in YOU
- Receive strong recommendation from HOPE worldwide chapter director & ministry leader
- Have the time and ability to orchestrate a service program and fundraisers

Application Timeline

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<td>Announcement of selected 2023 Council Members</td>
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“As NYAC members we help our generation to see the needs in our neighborhoods and cities and have the chance to work to meet those needs.”

“I have been so blessed to be on the NYAC to help me grow spiritually, emotionally, and in my knowledge of sustainable and effective serving.”
Please complete and submit via email all 4 elements of your application (personal info, service experience, essay and two recommendations) no later than 11:59 PM EST November 18, 2022 to: youthprograms@hopeww.org. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Personal Information**

Name: ___________________________ HOPEww Chapter: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Birthday: _______ / _______ / _______

Church: ___________________________ Region: ___________________________

School(s) Attending in 2023: ___________________________

☐ I will be a high school student  ☐ I will be a college student

If not attending school, please explain: ___________________________

Year in School: ___________________________ If in College, Major: ___________________________

Expected Graduation: _______ / _______ GPA: ___________________________ Scale: ___________________________

T-shirt size: ______ Parent Signature if under 18 on 12/21 ___________________________

☐ Please check here if membership dues of $225 present a financial hardship

**Service Experience:** Send a one-page resume with your HOPE worldwide and other international and local volunteer work and relevant service and educational experiences.

**Short Essay:** Send a short, 1-page essay responding to the following: What are some of your personal goals as a part of NYAC next year? What skills, experience, abilities, or qualities do you bring, in relation to your area of interest above that will benefit the NYAC and how will you balance your other commitments with fulfilling your role as a NYAC member? How has your conviction about service played out in your life as a servant leader in your community? What community organization will you establish an ongoing relational partnership with during your term?

**Reference:** Please solicit a recommendation form from both a ministry leader and chapter leader (if applicable). If ministry leader is a family member, seek an alternate recommendation.

NOTE: Current NYAC Members applying to serve an additional term should complete “Current Member Re-Application” rather than this application.

Chapter Director Name: ___________________________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Ministry Leader Name: ___________________________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

☐ I understand that this volunteer position requires time and commitment, have counted the cost and am committed to meeting the requirements. I also understand that members who do not continue to meet expectations may be asked to step down prior to the end of term.
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Applicant: ______________________ Church/Chapter: ____________________________

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Chapter Leader Signature ______________________ Date ______________________

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