

California Environmental Youth Advisory Council Application

Application Instructions

Please complete this application fully and accurately. The information you provide will be used to evaluate your application for the California Environmental Youth Advisory Council (Youth Council). Responses should be thoughtful, complete, and accurately reflect your own qualifications.

Eligibility Information

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 20 at the time of application. Applicants under 18 years of age must submit a consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian before participating in the Youth Council.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

While Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools may be useful in developing written content, it is crucial to use these tools responsibly and ethically. Any responses within the application, even when using assistive tools, must be your own original work. Applicants must write in their own words and avoid plagiarism. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification.

***Indicates required question**

Applicant Information

1. Full Legal Name*: _____
☐ Preferred name (if different): _____
2. Personal Email Address*: _____
3. School (If attending an alternative school program, such as a homeschool, please note that here.):*: _____
4. City*: _____
5. Zip Code*: _____
6. Phone Number*: _____
7. Date of Birth*: _____
8. Grade*:
☐ 9 (high school)
☐ 10 (high school)
☐ 11 (high school)

- ☐ 12 (high school)
- ☐ Freshman (College)
- ☐ Sophomore (College)
- ☐ Other: _____

9. Do you live in California?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

10. Are you a member of a California Native American Tribe?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. If so, what tribe are you a member of?*: _____

Demographic Information

The questions in this section are optional. Responses are collected for informational purposes only and will not be considered a part of the application process.

12. Gender

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Self-describe: _____

13. Pronouns: _____

14. Race/Ethnicity (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Middle Eastern and North African (MENA)
- ☐ Native American, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Another race or ethnicity: _____

Narrative Response Questions

15. If selected to become a member of the Youth Council this year, you would be part of the “inaugural” (or first ever) term of the California Environmental Youth Advisory Council and would be responsible for developing and adopting the Council’s founding governance documents and establishing the Council’s structure and process for future full terms. Why do you want to serve on the Inaugural Youth Council? (250-word max)

16. What skills, perspectives, or strengths will you bring to the Youth Council? This could include (but is not limited to) any extracurricular activities you are involved in like civic and community engagement, clubs, leadership initiatives, or volunteer work. (250-word max) *

17. Think about the most pressing environmental issues in your community. How would you address or how are you addressing these issues? As a member of the Youth Council, what advice would you give to CalEPA on those issues? (500-word max) *

Supplemental Information

18. Letter of Recommendation *

19. Guardian/Individual Consent Form *

- ☐ [Parent/Legal Guardian Consent Form](#) (for applicants under 18 years of age)
- ☐ [Adult Applicant Consent Form](#) (for applicants over 18 years of age)