

The 2018-19 application is live and underway- wahoo! Thanks for your continued partnership in encouraging young people to consider a year of transformational service, accompaniment and faith-development. Recruitment packets have been sent to each of your presbyteries and Synods. If you do not receive a mailing within the next week, please let me know and I'll be happy to resend the new promotional materials.

If your interested in hosting a recent YAV alum to come and share their story about a year of service at a presbytery gathering, I'd love to connect you with a local YAVocate. Also, would you please share the attached image in any relevant newsletters, social media postings, websites, etc.?

Finally, below is helpful language I encourage you to share with young adults, youth pastors and campus ministers in your presbytery:

The [Young Adult Volunteer \(YAV\) program](#) is a faith-based year of service in [22 sites](#) around the world and in the United States. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the meaning and motivation of their faith in community with peers and mentors.

Program benefits include a regular stipend, housing, transportation and [student-loan repayment options](#) throughout the duration of the service year. For more info, visit the FAQ tab at the top of the [YAV homepage](#). Also, following [@yavprogram](#) on social media is a great resource.

Below are important dates to know for the 2018-19 application season. [The YAV application can be accessed here](#).

- **October 1<sup>st</sup> - Applications Open**
- **January 1<sup>st</sup> -Round 1- *(All sites available, early placement)***
- **March 1<sup>st</sup> - Round 2 – *(Most sites available, final date to apply to international sites)***
- **June 1<sup>st</sup> - Round 3 – *(National sites only, limited spots available)***

If you have any questions about the application process, specific site placements, etc., please email [yav@pcusa.org](mailto:yav@pcusa.org).