

**Students in 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. who have engaged in community service, or are interested in emergency preparedness,** are encouraged to apply to serve on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's, Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council. The application is available online. Applicants must complete the application form and submit two letters of recommendation and their academic records.

Applications are due March 31. To start your online application, [click here](#). You can also download the application and submit a PDF copy of the application [here](#).

The Youth Preparedness Council, formed in 2012, offers an opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington, D.C. During their two-year term, the youth leaders will complete both a local and national-level project and share their ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness with FEMA leadership and national organizations.

To access the application materials, read about the current Council members, and for more general information about the Youth Preparedness Council visit [www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council](http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council).