

*Together, we grant life-changing wishes  
for children with critical illnesses.*



## Youth Leadership Council

The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is an exclusive and dynamic leadership development program for Massachusetts and Rhode Island high school students. YLC is an after-school program designed to foster the next generation of conscious leaders through philanthropic activities driven by the students. Members possess exemplary leadership skills, a sense of responsibility, and a passion for giving back.

### REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Be a rising 9th - 12th grader
- ★ Attend monthly in-person meetings during the term (Sept 2024 to May 2025)
- ★ Be passionate about giving back

### MEETING SCHEDULE

- ★ **DATE:** Second Sunday of each month starting in Sept 8
- ★ **TIME:** 3-5 PM
- ★ **LOCATION:** In-person; location will be determined based on the makeup of the cohort

### THE NEED FOR WISHES

More than 500 children in Massachusetts and Rhode Island are diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions every year, based on information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Our vision is to grant the wish of every medically eligible child.

**100%** of medical providers  
said the wish experience improves a  
child's emotional well-being and

**98%**

said the wish experience has a positive  
impact on a child's physical well-being.\*

\*From a recent study conducted by Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> America

### BENEFITS

YLC puts students in the driver's seat, giving them control to create programs and events within their schools and communities to help make wishes come true for local children battling life-threatening illnesses. In our monthly program, participants will:

- Develop leadership, organization, budgeting, fundraising and planning skills.
- Improve their public speaking skills.
- Master the art of community engagement through awareness campaigns.
- Support children with critical illnesses right in their local community.
- Learn more about philanthropy and teamwork.
- Experience the incredible power of giving back while having fun with peers.
- Earn volunteer/community service hours with school approval.
- Network with local business professionals.

*All skills beneficial for future academic and professional endeavors.*

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY**

Members are selected based on their interest, potential, and dedication to our mission!

Application **MUST** be submitted by **May 17, 2024**.

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