



Make-A-Wish South Carolina Youth Leadership Council FAQs

Thank you for your interest in Make-A-Wish South Carolina's inaugural Youth Leadership Council (YLC). We are excited to grant wishes together! Below are the answers to frequently asked questions about the YLC and the application process. If you have any other questions, please email Paige McDowell or Maggie Yorski (contact information below).

What is Make-A-Wish South Carolina's Youth Leadership Council?

The Youth Leadership Council is a volunteer group for students in grades 9-12 that helps fundraise and build awareness for Make-A-Wish South Carolina. It's a great opportunity to learn more about philanthropy, volunteer with our organization, develop leadership skills, and meet other students who are passionate about making a difference in their community.

What is the application process?

We ask that each student fill out the application, which can be found below. We will contact the student directly for next steps! It is a first-come, first-serve acceptance. We are accepting around 20 students in each region for this year's program.

Greenville application: [GVL](#)

Charleston application: [CHS](#)

When does the group meet?

The group will meet once a month. Both Greenville and Charleston Youth Leadership Council meetings will be held on Tuesdays. Full schedule is to be determined and will be distributed to students at the start of the fall semester.

Where does the group meet?

Meeting locations may vary monthly based on the meeting's activities. Locations will be specified in the schedule.

What happens if I'm sick or must miss a meeting?

We require members to commit to actively participating in the council and attending all eight meetings throughout the year. Since there are only eight meetings, we ask students to have no more than two excused absences and/or one unexcused absence, giving at least 48 hours' notice of any absences. Your participation and commitment to the group is a priority!

Is there a fundraising goal?

Our goal is for each YLC member to commit to raising \$500+ between September-April. We do ask each member to personally donate \$30 as a membership fee and to kick off their fundraising efforts. Each member will be provided with an online fundraising page to help manage and support their efforts. This can be easily shared via social media and email to engage donors.

How will Make-A-Wish South Carolina support members?

Our goal is for this group to be a place for personal and professional development for each student. We aim to provide opportunities for resume-building workshops, networking events, volunteer days, fundraising pointers, and more. We hope to encourage each student to support wish kids in their local community while learning helpful life skills along the way.

What do the meetings look like?

Each monthly meeting will consist of these elements:

- Mission moment: We will start each meeting by sharing a wish story with the group.
- Ice Breaker Activity: We will have a fun game or get-to-know-you activity to meet other members on the council.
- Wishing For Success Speakers: We will have a few leadership development workshops planned throughout the year. Topics may include: networking skills, resume writing, outreach best practices, college advice, public speaking tips, etc.
- Wish Engagement Activity: Help us celebrate and support local wish kids by completing wish enhancement projects, such as mailers, wish celebration materials, etc.
- Connection and Celebration: We will create fun opportunities outside of a normal conference room setting for students to build lasting friendships, celebrate each other's successes, and experience memorable moments throughout the year.

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