



## Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in Make-A-Wish South Carolina's 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 through 12 that helps fundraise and build awareness for Make-A-Wish South Carolina while also developing leadership skills through interactive meetings. It's a great opportunity to learn more about philanthropy, volunteer with our organization, grow as a leader, and connect with 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 on our website or by clicking the link below. Applications close **July 10, 2026**. We will contact the student directly after the application closes to schedule a short virtual interview. We will select students after all interviews are complete. We accept a maximum of 20 students in each region.

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 **Wednesdays from 5-7pm**. Full schedule is to be determined and will be distributed to students at the start of the fall semester.

### **Where does the group meet?**

Meetings will be held in each region's respective office locations. Meeting locations may vary based on activities planned.

### **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 absences, giving at least 48 hours notice. Your participation and commitment to the group are a priority!

### Is there a fundraising goal?

Our goal is for each YLC member to commit to raising **\$500+** between September-May. We ask that each member 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?

Make-A-Wish staff will be available year-round to provide fundraising support and guidance. We strive to connect students with the community and share our network of partners to enhance their fundraising efforts and professional growth. Our goal is to create a space that fosters both personal and professional development for each student.

Through this program, we aim to offer opportunities such as professional growth workshops, networking events, volunteer experiences, and fundraising support. We hope to inspire students to support wish kids in their local communities while gaining valuable 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 offer leadership development workshops at each meeting. 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.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** We will provide our students with volunteer opportunities outside of the monthly meetings. These are not mandatory, but we would love for all students to volunteer once outside of normal meetings! Opportunities may include our Wish Kid Holiday Party, Wish Night Gala, external community fundraisers, etc.

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