



Youth Leadership Council FAQs

Thank you for your interest in Make-A-Wish North Texas' Youth Leadership Council (YLC)! We're excited for another great year of granting wishes together. Below are answers to common questions. If you have others, please contact Aliyah Griffin.

What is Make-A-Wish North Texas Youth Leadership Council?

The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is Make-A-Wish North Texas' premier student leadership program for high school students in grades 9–12. Members develop leadership skills, gain hands-on nonprofit and fundraising experience, and work alongside Make-A-Wish staff to help grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

No previous fundraising or nonprofit experience is required, just a passion for serving others and a willingness to learn, lead, and make an impact.

Application: Process:

- **Round 1:** Applications due **August 20th**
- **Round 2:** Phone interviews **August 24th- September 1st**
- **Round 3:** Final Decisions: **September 1st**
- First meeting (if accepted): **September 19th 10:30-12pm**

How many students are selected?

To create a collaborative and engaged leadership experience, **approximately 15 students** from across North Texas will be selected to serve on the 2026–2027 Youth Leadership Council.

Meetings:

- **When:** Third Saturday of each month starting September 19th from 10:30 am-12 pm
 - Date: Sept 19/ Oct 17/ Nov 21/ Dec 12/ Jan 16/ Feb 20/ Mar 20/ April 17/ May 15
- **Where:** Make-A-Wish North Texas office – 5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 260, Dallas, TX 75240
- **Attendance Policy:** Attendance at all 9 meetings is required; up to 2 excused absences (with 48 hours' notice and 1 unexcused absence allowed).

Fundraising Expectations:

Each member is expected to raise \$1,000 throughout the program to help grant life-changing wishes for local children. Members also make a personal \$25 donation to kick off their fundraising efforts and demonstrate their commitment to the program.

Why Join Youth Leadership Council?

As a YLC member, students will have the opportunity to:

- Develop leadership and public speaking skills
- Gain nonprofit and fundraising experience
- Work directly with Make-A-Wish North Texas staff
- Connect with student leaders from across North Texas

- Earn volunteer service hours
- Strengthen college, scholarship, and resume applications
- Help bring hope and joy to local children facing critical illnesses

What do the YLC meetings look like?

Each monthly meeting is designed to give members practical experience while supporting the mission of Make-A-Wish North Texas. Meetings combine leadership workshops, fundraising planning, team collaboration, mission education, and hands-on service opportunities throughout the year.

Meetings include:

- Mission Moment
- Leadership Workshop
- Team Building Activity
- Fundraising Strategy
- Community Awareness Projects
- Volunteer Opportunities (when available)

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