Join the High School Youth Action Council 2026-2027

Lead real projects, serve your town, and build skills that stand out. Apply by Friday, Dec 4, 2026.

Why join?

The Youth Action Council (YAC), sponsored by the East Granby Youth Services Commission, is a year-long team of high schoolers who make things happen in town. New and returning members commit to a year of service. Here is what we are all about:

- **Improve:** spot what our community needs and find ways to help.
- **Support:** pitch in through hands-on volunteer work.
- **Lead:** plan and run community projects from start to finish.
- **Inspire:** be an ambassador for YAC and get others involved.
- **Drive positive change:** leave East Granby better than you found it.

Pick your track

Every member is being asked to join one of three tracks. Choose the one that sounds most like you and where you would like to contribute your time and learn more.

Track	What you would do
Mind Matters	Create mental health and prevention programs for middle schoolers and R.D. Seymour students. Support the mentorship program, Resilience Grows at Seymour, middle school mental health, and substance and mental health prevention.
Community Connect	Build programs and service opportunities for local youth. Think Youth in Sports, holiday events, Earth Day, winter cabin fever activities, and life skills like babysitting certification and CPR/First Aid.
Lead the Way	Help grow leadership skills in the Middle School Youth Action Council and the Resilience Grows at Seymour program. Teach younger students what it means to be an active community member and support the YAC facilitators.

Key dates

When	What happens
Friday, December 4, 2026	Applications are due
December 7-11, 2026	Interview week: you meet with the YAC Facilitator, a Youth Services Commission member and a Youth Services staff member
December 18, 2026	Acceptance notifications are emailed to students
January 2026 - January 2027	Your year of service with YAC

How to turn it in

Applications are available at the East Granby Youth Services Office. Pick the option that works for you:

- **Mail it:** East Granby Youth Services, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026
- **Drop it off:** the Youth Services Drop Box at 79 North Main Street, East Granby. Look for the white building on the left as you enter the parking lot, at the start of the ramp to the Sears House.
- **Email it:** eastgranbyyouthservices@gmail.com (PDF or Word format only)

About you *(Please include all information and answers to the questions below in a word document in PDF or Word format only).*

Tell us
Name
Grade (2026)
School (if not attending East Granby High School
Email
Phone
Returning or new member?
Track I want (Mind Matters, Community Connect or Lead the Way)

Tell us about you

There are no wrong answers. We want to hear your voice, so write as much or as little as you need.

1. Which of the YAC goals (improve, support, lead, inspire, drive positive change) excites you most, and what do you hope to learn from it this year?

2. Which track do you want to join, and why does it fit you?

Questions?

Reach out to Youth Services Program Supervisor Alicia Van Neil at 860-653-7800 or aliciav@egtownhall.com or Interim Program Coordinator Angela Uttberg at 860-653-7800 or eastgranbyyouthservices@gmail.com. We are happy to help.