



East Granby Youth Action Council

Young Voices Guiding Community Choices

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: Youth Action Council 2024-2025

Sponsored by The East Granby Youth Services Commission

East Granby Youth Services is looking to create the 2024 - 2025 Middle School Youth Action Council (YAC). The program is designed to cultivate youth leadership and provide volunteer opportunities to members. This group will be comprised of both returning and new members who commit to a year of service. Membership will be determined by the Youth Services staff and notification of acceptance will be mailed directly to students in June.

Applications are available through the East Granby Youth Services Office. Please contact program supervisor Alicia Van Neil with questions 860-653-7800 or via email at aliciav@egtownhall.com. All applications are due back to the office no later than **Friday, May 17, 2024**. Applications can be mailed to East Granby Youth Services, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026 or dropped off to the Youth Services Drop Box located at 79 North Main Street, East Granby, Connecticut at the beginning of the ramp to the Sears House (white building on left when you enter the parking lot) or returned via email to eastgranbyyouthservices@gmail.com in PDF or Word format only.

For the 2024-2025 application process we have added a new “Try-It Night” experience on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Students will be an opportunity for interested students to come and see what being a member of the Youth Action Council is all about. The students will participate in several group activities throughout the evening while parents will meet with the Middle School Facilitator to learn about the program. If a student is unable to attend “Try-It Night” then they will be asked to schedule an individual interview no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2024 with the Middle School Facilitator and a member of the Youth Services staff.

The YAC goals are to:

- ❖ Help IMPROVE our community by identifying needs and possible service projects.
- ❖ SUPPORT our community as volunteers.
- ❖ LEAD through the planning and implementation of projects in our community.
- ❖ INSPIRE others as we serve as ambassadors of the YAC.
- ❖ Help create positive CHANGE for our community.

A few highlights from our 2023-2024 year:

- ❖ Created and implemented a mentorship program with the 3rd & 4th grade at R.D. Seymour School.
- ❖ Developed a 5th grade welcome to middle school program.
- ❖ Hosted the annual Great Skate event.
- ❖ Hosted an annual Celebrate Summer event for elementary school youth.
- ❖ Volunteered at multiple town events including Halloween and Easter.

Questions: Please contact Youth Services Program Supervisor Alicia Van Neil at 860-653-7800 or via email at aliciav@egtownhall.com.