



East Granby Youth Action Council

Young Voices Guiding Community Choices

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: Middle School Youth Action Council 2026-2027

Sponsored by The East Granby Youth Services Commission

East Granby Youth Services is recruiting for the 2026-2027 Middle School Youth Action Council (YAC). This program is designed to foster youth leadership and provide volunteer opportunities for its members. The council will consist of both returning and new members who commit to a year of service. Membership will be determined by Youth Services staff, and acceptance notifications will be emailed directly to students in June.

Applications are available through the East Granby Youth Services Office. For questions, please contact Program Supervisor Alicia Van Neil at 860-653-7800 or via email at aliciav@egtownhall.com. All applications must be submitted **no later than Friday, May 29, 2026**. Applications can be:

- Mailed to: East Granby Youth Services, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026
- Dropped off at the Youth Services Drop Box, located at 79 North Main Street, East Granby (at the beginning of the ramp to the Sears House, the white building on the left as you enter the parking lot)
- Emailed to: eastgranbyyouthservices@gmail.com **in PDF format only**

Try-It Night

Each year, we host a "Try-It-Night" to give interested students the opportunity to experience what it's like to be a member of the Youth Action Council. This year, Try-It Night is on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 4:00 to 5:15pm at East Granby Farms near the Sears House (white building on your left when you pull into the parking lot)**. Students will participate in group activities, while parents meet with the Middle School Facilitator to learn more about the program. If a student is unable to attend Try-It Night, they must reach out to the Youth Services Office and make other arrangements to meet with the YAC facilitators.

The YAC's goals are to:

- **IMPROVE** our community by identifying needs and service opportunities
- **SUPPORT** our community through volunteer work
- **LEAD** by planning and executing community projects
- **INSPIRE** others as ambassadors of the YAC
- Drive **POSITIVE CHANGE** in our community

Highlights from the 2025-2026 year:

- Reestablished and continued a mentorship program with 3rd graders at R.D. Seymour School
- Hosted the second annual Earth Day Celebration
- Hosted the annual Great Skate event
- Learned about local organizations such as the Veterans Group and Miracle League
- Volunteered at multiple town events, including Halloween and Easter celebrations

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**Please complete all sections of the application and submit by
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Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ School attending: _____

Grade Level for Fall 2026: _____ Food Allergies/Restrictions: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email (non-school): _____

Do you have transportation to and from meetings, activities and events connected with the Youth Action Council?

(circle one) YES NO

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, using 100 words or less. Handwritten or typed responses are both acceptable.

- ❖ Why would you like to serve on the Youth Action Council?
- ❖ What are some of the issues that you believe are affecting youth in our community?
- ❖ What are your strengths, and how can these strengths contribute to the overall success of the Youth Action Council?
- ❖ Do you have any previous volunteer or leadership experience with a group? If so, please describe one experience you're most proud of and explain why.
- ❖ If you could create one event, activity, or program that would benefit our community, what would it be and why?
- ❖ While prior volunteer experience is not required, please list any volunteer experience you may have.

Parent/Guardian Permissions required on the back side of this application.

What is the Youth Action Council?

The Youth Action Council (YAC) is a group of volunteer youth members in grades 6-12, created to foster leadership skills and promote youth involvement within our community. The council is divided into two groups: a middle school YAC and a high school YAC. It is led by its members with guidance from East Granby Youth Services. The council provides young people with the opportunity to voice their opinions and offer perspectives on issues that are most relevant to them as young citizens.

Members will be selected by a committee made up of members from the Youth Services Commission, East Granby Youth Services, and current Youth Action Council facilitators. Youth will be notified of their acceptance in writing (via email) by East Granby Youth Services.

Members are asked to serve a one-year term. At the end of their term, members may either continue for another year or resign. Youth applying now will serve as representatives for the grade level they will enter in Fall 2026.

All members must commit to active participation in bi-weekly meetings (1-2 hours) and be available to attend other special events or activities coordinated by their council.

The Youth Action Council operates under the guidance of East Granby Youth Services and the Youth Services Commission, with meetings facilitated by at least one adult staff member.

Members must have transportation to and from all meetings, events, and other activities associated with the YAC.

Acknowledgements:

I have read and understand the above information and give consent for my child, _____
to submit application as a candidate for the Youth Action Council and to _____
fully participate if selected as a member. *(child's name)*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant/Child Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications may be returned to the East Granby Youth Services Office in the following ways:

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