



2009 At-Large Member Application

Dear Applicant ~

Thank you for your interest in the Democratic National Committee (DNC) Youth Coordinating Council. The Youth Council strives to be a voice in the DNC and State Parties for the Democratic youth voting community. Among the purpose and goals of the Youth Council is to ensure that the Democratic Party maintains a majority of the youth vote which it currently holds with a wide margin.

In this application you will find two parts. The first part contains frequently asked questions (FAQ's) about the Youth Council and the responsibilities of its members. The second part is the application itself. The application is designed to allow us to learn more about your involvement in youth politics and how you will use your knowledge and expertise to expand the work of the Council in the Democratic Party.

The Youth Council officers will host three conference calls with interested applicants to further explain the process and provide more details about what work the Council is involved in and what is expected of Council members. These calls will be held on the following dates:

Monday, July 13th at 6:00 PM EST

Monday, July 20^h at 6:00 PM EST

Monday, July 27th at 6:00 PM EST

Conference Call Number: 1-219-509-8111

Access Code: 20092009

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail or call Council Director A'shanti Fayshel Gholar at GholarA@dnc.org or 202.863.8000.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Jason Rae
Co-Chair

Amber Goodwin
Co-Chair

Nick Hanek
Secretary

A'shanti Fayshel Gholar
Director



DNC Youth Council Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

***What is the DNC Youth Council?**

The Democratic National Committee's Youth Coordinating Council (more commonly called the Youth Council) was formally constituted as a council of the DNC in December 2005. The membership of the Youth Council consists of all DNC members under age 36, as well as 12 at-large members selected from each of the DNC's four regions (East, Midwest, South, and West).

The goals of the DNC Youth Council are:

- 1) Ensure the Democratic Party maintains a majority of the youth vote.
- 2) Increase involvement of young people in the inner workings of the DNC.
- 3) Get more young people placed on key DNC committees.

***How does one become a member of the Youth Council if they are not a DNC member?**

Any **registered** Democrat under the age of **36** is able to apply to be on the Council. Every two years the DNC Youth Council appoints its 12 at-large members. There are three members from each of the four DNC regions. At the second DNC meeting in odd number years, the current DNC members of the Youth Council vote on the at-large members. Applications become available sixty days before the second DNC meeting in the odd number year. **2009 applications will be available July 10th through August 10th**. Applications will be available from the Youth Council, the Youth Council Facebook group ([DNC Youth Council Facebook Group](#)) and the youth page of the DNC website – www.democrats.org. Any vacancies that occur over the two year period will be advertised via the same venues and the Youth Council Officers will make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

***What requirements should one have to apply for the Council?**

Youth Council members should have experience in politics with an emphasis on youth being preferred. Knowledge of the DNC and its system is also helpful. Members should have a strong working relationship with their State Party and state DNC members as well as other progressive organizations. Involvement in other activities (law, veteran's issues, base-vote constituencies) is highly recommended.

After applicants apply, their applications will be reviewed by the Council officers and Council DNC members. In accordance with the Youth Council Bylaws, the Council officers will then submit the names of 12 people to be voted on by the DNC members of the Council at the DNC meeting September 10-12 in Austin, TX. **The Youth Council will announce appointments by August 20th, 2009.**

***What is required of the DNC Youth Council members?**

Youth Council members are required to attend DNC meetings (at their own cost) twice a year and attend monthly conference calls in between meetings. The Youth Council Bylaws do contain attendance requirements. Members will actively engage in the activities of the Council (meetings, trainings, fundraisers, special events) as well as serving as a liaison for their region and to other youth, progressive and allied organizations.

***If I am not selected to be on the Council, can I still be involved?**

Absolutely! The members of the Council will work with young activists in their regions to push the mission of the Democratic Party and the message of President Barack Obama. We are always looking to our young people in the states to run for state party positions, host community service events, run for public office, and assist on crucial campaigns where the youth vote can swing an election. Our meetings are always open to the public, so please attend so we can hear your suggestions and feedback.

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*Full Name:

*Mailing Address & E-mail Address:

*Age/Date of Birth:

*Preferred Phone:

*State you would represent:

*Do you have a good relationship with your State Party and the DNC members in your state? Yes No

*Are you able to fund travel to the DNC Youth Council meetings and events in your region? Yes No

*Please provide a short biography detailing your involvement in the Democratic Party and Democratic Youth politics.

*Please provide an explanation for 1) why you would like to be on the Youth Council 2) what contributions you would bring as a member 3) an idea/program you would like to see the Youth Council work on.

*Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be from a current DNC member in the state you will represent. Recommendations should include name, title, e-mail address, and a phone number. (It is recommended that all letters of recommendations are e-mailed together with the application and not separately.)

By submitting your application to the DNC Youth Council, you are acknowledging that this application has been completed to the best of your ability and all information is accurate. If selected to be on the Youth Council, you recognize and agree to the time and financial costs associated with being a member. Please contact A'shanti Fayshel Gholar at GholarA@dnc.org or 202.863.8000 with questions or concerns.