

RCMP NYAC APPLICATION FORM

D School Information (if applicable)

Name of school, college or university: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: (____) _____

What grade/year are you in? _____

E Tell Us More About You

Why do you want to be a member of the RCMP National Youth Advisory Committee? (max 250 words):

Please list all organizations, clubs and sport teams that you are involved with (previous and current):

Tell us about the biggest issues facing youth in your community (e.g. drugs, bullying, relationship violence, gangs, etc.). What is currently being done about these issues? What would you like to do about it? What relevant skills or experience could you use to tackle these issues? (max. 200 words):

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F References

You need to provide two references in this application. A reference could be a teacher, principal, elder, police officer, community leader, coach, doctor, lawyer or another authority figure. Make sure you ask the person if they can act as a reference before completing the section below. RCMP National Youth Services will be contacting references prior to accepting applicants to the NYAC.

***Note: Family members (including RCMP family members), guardians, relatives and friends are not to be used as a reference.**

Reference #1

Name of reference (first and last): _____

Please indicate their role:

- Teacher Police officer
 Principal Youth worker
 Guidance counselor Other (please specify): _____
 Coach

How long have you known the reference? _____

Reference's professional or personal e-mail address: _____

Reference's telephone number: Home () _____ Work () _____ Cell () _____

Best time of day (Monday - Friday) to call: Morning Afternoon Evening Anytime Specific time: _____

Reference #2

Name of reference (first and last): _____

Please indicate their role:

- Teacher Police officer
 Principal Youth worker
 Guidance counselor Other (please specify): _____
 Coach

How long have you known the reference? _____

Reference's professional or personal e-mail address: _____

Reference's telephone number: Home () _____ Work () _____ Cell () _____

Best time of day (Monday - Friday) to call: Morning Afternoon Evening Anytime Specific time: _____

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G Model Release Agreement: Films - Photos - Videos

As a member of the National Youth Advisory Committee, you agree to let the RCMP use your photos, videos, and stories for recruitment and promotional purposes. The RCMP will ask before publishing your images, stories or videos.

All selected members for the committee will have to provide a headshot of themselves at a later date. This is only for selected committee members. Please do not send your photograph with your application.

I, _____ (name of youth applicant) agree to model for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada in the production of RCMP photographs, motion pictures, videos or other productions ("RCMP materials").

I give Her Majesty, her employees, agents and representatives, the right to use, modify, reproduce and distribute in any media or format, any such likeness of mine for any purpose whatsoever, whether alone or in combination with other material.

I also give to Her Majesty, her employees, agents and representatives, permission to give others these same rights, all without payment of any compensation to me.

I release and discharge the RCMP, its employees, agents and representatives from any claims, obligations or liability of any kind related in any way to this consent or the publication or distribution of the RCMP materials.

In witness whereof, I have executed this consent and release on _____ (Date (YYYY-MM-DD))

Name of model/youth applicant: _____

Telephone number of model/youth applicant: () _____

Signature of the model/youth applicant: _____

Name of parent/guardian if model/youth is under 18 years if age: _____

Signature of parent/ guardian if model/youth applicant is under 18 years of age: _____

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H Demographics (optional)

Completion of Part H (Demographics) is voluntary. The information collected in this section helps us obtain an accurate profile of the RCMP National Youth Advisory Committee (NYAC) and ensure we best meet your needs.

The RCMP NYAC is committed to having a diverse youth committee reflective of the Canadian society. Your responses will help us identify if our recruiting efforts are reaching youth applicants from diverse backgrounds. The information you provide in Part H will not affect your application.

Sex:

- Male Female Non-binary Prefer not to answer

Indigenous persons:

An Indigenous person is a North American Indian or a First Nation, a Métis, or Inuit. North American Indians or members of a First Nation include status, treaty or registered Indians, as well as non-status and non-registered Indians.

Are you an Indigenous person? Yes No

If you replied yes to the previous question, you may voluntarily select one of the following categories which best describes your Indigenous status.

- Inuit First Nation/North American Indian
 Métis Other, please specify: _____

Visible minorities:

A person in a visible minority in Canada is someone (other than an Indigenous person as defined above) who is non-white in colour / race, regardless of place of birth.

Are you in a visible minority or origin group? Yes No

If you replied yes to the previous question, you may voluntarily select one of the following categories which best describes your visible minority group or origin.

- Black
 Non-white Latin American (including indigenous persons from Central and South America, etc.)
 Person of mixed origin (with one parent in one of the visible minority groups listed here)
 Chinese
 Japanese
 Korean
 Filipino

- South Asian / East Indian (including Indian from India, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, East Indian from Guyana, Trinidad, East Africa, etc.)
 Non-white West Asian, North African or Arab (including Egyptian, Libyan, Lebanese, Iranian, etc.)
 Southeast Asian (including Burmese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai, Vietnamese, etc.)
 Other visible minority group, please specify: _____

Persons with disabilities:

A person with a disability has a long-term or recurring physical, mental, sensory, psychiatric or learning impairment.

Are you a person with a disability? Yes No

If you replied yes to the previous question, you may voluntarily check any of the following categories which best describes your disability.

- Co-ordination or dexterity (difficulty using hands or arms, for example, grasping or handling a stapler or using a keyboard)
 Mobility (difficulty moving around, for example, from one office to another or up and down stairs)
 Speech impairment (unable to speak or difficulty speaking or being understood)
 Blind or visual impairment (unable to see or difficulty seeing)
 Deaf or hard hearing (unable to hear or difficulty hearing)
 Other disability (including learning disabilities, developmental disabilities and all other types of disabilities)

If you have checked "Other disability", please specify:

RCMP NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER AGREEMENT

Please read these terms and conditions carefully. By checking each box, you indicate that you understand and accept the terms and conditions of the National Youth Advisory Committee.

Goals

The RCMP National Youth Advisory Committee (NYAC) consists of Canadian youth aged 13 to 21 from across the country, who provide advice, recommendations and a youth perspective to RCMP national programs, activities and projects.

Your obligations

- Time Commitment* – The Committee requires a time commitment of two to four hours per month for the duration of the school year (from September to June). To keep the conversation going, we ask that you commit to answering all discussion questions in the Facebook group. You must answer all questions to get a reference letter. You may also be required to participate in community outreach activities.
- Content of Contributions* – One of the major goals of the RCMP NYAC is to share young people’s perspectives on issues affecting youth. Members do not have to share personal information, experiences or views. Information members decide to share should be true and accurate. We encourage members to like, share and discuss posts on a regular basis and use Facebook’s “emotions tools”, polls and emojis.

Reasonable communication conditions

- Inappropriate Content and Conduct* – We encourage members to express their opinions and be open to others’ input and feedback. We will not tolerate harassment or insults or the uploading of offensive material. The respect of other Committee members is of utmost importance. If you are disrespectful or hurtful, your membership may be revoked or put on-hold, in which case you will receive a notice.
- Language* – We will not tolerate offensive and derogatory language. Members may respectfully disagree with one another. Please make sure your constructive feedback is toward the idea, not the person. If someone disagrees with your viewpoint, don’t take it personally. In fact, disagreements may become the basis of healthy discussions.
- Other Behaviour* – As a member of the RCMP NYAC, you are a youth leader. You represent the RCMP, and hold a responsibility to your commitment. Any offensive or illegal behaviour outside of the Committee will not be tolerated and may result in the revocation of your membership.

Termination

- Revocation of Membership* – The administrators of the RCMP NYAC reserve the right to revoke the membership of any members who fail to follow the above rules and/or who do not take an active part in the Committee.

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I, _____ (name of youth applicant), have read, understood and hereby agree to the above terms and conditions that are outlined in relation to the RCMP National Youth Advisory Committee.

Applicant Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

I, _____ (name of parent/legal guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age) support the commitment that my young person is making towards the RCMP National Youth Advisory Committee.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Thank you for your interest in the RCMP NYAC!

Please sign and **submit** your completed application **by September 7, 2018** in one of the following ways:

- **Fax:** 613-825-8582
- **Email:** RCMP.Youth-Jeunesse.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
- **Mail:** RCMP National Youth Services
73 Leikin Drive Mailstop # 8
Ottawa ON K1A 0R2

Note: Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

RCMP NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the NYAC?

The RCMP's National Youth Advisory Committee (NYAC) is a group of young Canadians (ages 13 to 21) from across the country who discuss youth crime and victimization topics on a private online forum. They represent a national youth voice and their feedback helps the RCMP develop effective youth strategies.

2. Who can join the NYAC?

To apply to join the NYAC, youth must reside in Canada and be 13 to 21 years old at the start of the Committee term, in September. For instance, if someone is 21 in October but turns 22 in March, this person can still apply to be a member.

3. What is required from Committee members?

Participation in the NYAC requires approximately 2 to 4 online hours per month, from September to June. Committee members are expected to participate in the private Facebook discussions by the requested deadlines in order to ensure their membership within the NYAC. Members must adhere to the terms of reference outlined in the Member Agreement, including being respectful of others.

4. What does the NYAC discuss?

Discussion topics generally focus on issues related to youth crime and victimization. Examples of discussion topics include bullying and cyberbullying, drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships, impaired driving, school safety and much more.

5. Where does the NYAC take place?

NYAC discussions take place in a private Facebook group. This means that only those inside the group have access to the information shared within the group. The group cannot be searched and only those invited to it by the RCMP will be added as participants.

6. Will members of the NYAC be separated into different age groups?

Yes. The Committee will be separated into two Facebook groups, 13-17 and 18-21. This is meant to reflect the difference in life experiences and age perspectives. Both groups will receive many of the same discussion questions and activities to complete. The older age group may have the opportunity to participate in more community outreach events.

7. What is in it for you?

The NYAC requires youth to use critical thinking skills when answering discussion questions. NYAC members get the chance to interact with other youth from across the country and gain incredible insight. They play an essential role in shaping how the RCMP supports young persons. Committee members identify current issues that affect youth, address community concerns, and help design initiatives to foster change. There may also be opportunities for members to engage with local and national organizations. Upon successful completion of discussion questions, youth may receive a reference letter for a scholarship, job, college or university application. Reference letters reflect 20 community service hours.

RCMP NYAC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

8. How do I apply?

Email us at RCMP.Youth-Jeunesse.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca to request an application form. Complete the form and send it back to us by the due date. If selected, you will receive further details on the next steps to join the Committee.

9. Will the information that I provide in Part H (Demographics) compromise my application?

No. The information collected from Part H (Demographics) is for statistical purposes and to help us best meet the needs of youth in the Committee. The RCMP NYAC is committed to having a diverse youth committee reflective of Canadian society. Your responses will help us identify if our recruiting efforts are reaching youth applicants from diverse backgrounds. The information you provide in Part H will not affect your application.

10. Is there a maximum number of participants in the Committee?

Up to 150 members can be accepted in the Committee.

11. Why am I asked if I have a smartphone, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram account?

We collect this information for our own knowledge of the group – it will not affect your application. Some of the engagement opportunities may require the use of social media. To participate in the NYAC, members are only required to create a Facebook account, if they do not already have one.

12. Why do I need to sign a Model Release form?

The Model Release section of the application is mandatory. When signed, the applicant agrees to act as a spokesperson for the NYAC. As a spokesperson you agree to let the RCMP use your image, stories, and pictures for recruitment and promotional purposes. Understanding and signing the Model Release form lets us know that you agree to the terms and conditions and understand that we may use some of the information from your participation in the NYAC. The RCMP will ask permission before publishing your image, stories or pictures.

13. When will applicants be notified if they have been accepted into the Committee?

Applicants who are selected to be a part of the RCMP NYAC will be notified in September 2018.

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