



National Association of Friendship Centres

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NOMINATION TO AYC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

These are the nomination procedures for the AYC Executive Committee positions. All eligible delegates shall be between the ages of 14 and 24 and can provide their letters of credentials from their Friendship Centre.

The following positions are up for election this year:

AYC President	2-year term
AYC Vice-President	2-year term
AYC Treasurer	2-year term
AYC Secretary	2-year term
NAFC Youth Executive	2-year term

All delegates who are interested in running for a position must have:

- A letter of intent stating which position(s) they are running for
- A letter of support from their local Friendship Centre or Provincial/Territorial Association (PTA)
- Youth Forum Letter of Credentials

Letter of Intent

A letter of intent states that you have considered the level of responsibility and time commitment required for an Executive Committee position. Before a final decision, please consider the following suggestions:

- Speak to your employer at work to see if getting time off for meetings or support in allotting time to conference calls.
- Please speak to your teachers or professors to let them know that you may need some flexibility with assignments.
- Speak to your family to ask for their support in becoming a member of the AYC. Meetings are 3-4 days long, and the time needed is a way for other arrangements, conferences, and speaking engagements. **Under normal circumstances, these are the expected time commitments; however, meetings will be virtual until it is safe to resume discussions in person.**

In previous years, the time commitment has been a determining factor for some AYC Executive Committee members causing them to resign from their positions. Therefore, we ask that Youth consider their existing commitments to ensure they can be fully present, especially as an Executive member. Unlike regional representatives, there are no alternates for the Executive Committee members.



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Letter of Support from Local Friendship Centre

This letter demonstrates that your Friendship Centre understands your responsibilities as an AYC Executive Committee member. The NAFC will be able to send emails, packages, correspondence, etc., to your attention at your Friendship Centre. The letter also shows that you will send emails and make long-distance calls (if needed) from your Friendship Centre related to your duties or use a computer. And finally, if you work at your local Friendship Centre, make sure that they are willing to allow you the time needed to attend AYC meetings.

Youth Forum Letter of Credentials

The letter of credentials affirms that you are a member of a Friendship Centre, are eligible to vote in the Youth Forum elections, and run for a position on the AYC.

AYC Responsibilities

The AYC encourages individuals who are running. To become aware of all the responsibilities held by an Executive Committee position, such as:

- **Time Commitment** - the AYC meets **face-to-face twice a year for two days** (Covid-19 permitting) and holds monthly conference calls, online chats, and other committee meetings. You may sit on - both internal and external to the AYC and NAFC;
- **Report Writing** - for every other monthly meeting you attend, a written report is required.
- **Being a National Spokesperson** - you may be required to speak at different meetings, conferences, forums, etc. on behalf of the AYC and behalf of Youth across Canada;
- **Role Models** - you are expected to be a role model and set an example for your fellow Council members and other Youth;
- **Bringing Youth Issues to the National Table** - being accessible to Youth within your appointed region and any youth across the country;
- **Having a National Perspective** - making decisions on what's best for Youth across Canada, beyond your province/territory/region;
- **Chairing Meetings** - expected to chair AYC ad-hoc committee meetings, and;
- **Knowledgeable on Youth Matters** - knowledgeable about the Friendship Centre Movement and other youth matters and programs

Benefits of Being an AYC Executive Committee Member Include:

- **Mentorship** – Youth will have the support of the National office staff, your Friendship Centre, and your peers
- **Leadership Development** – learn transferable skills and knowledge and develop leadership in your community
- **Meeting New People** - you'll have the opportunity to network, create connections and build upon new and existing relationships
- **Learning** - this is an opportunity to learn more about the Friendship Centre Movement, national youth initiatives and events, and Youth will take part in training such as Mental Health First Aid, Board of Governance training, facilitation skills, public speaking, how to read financial reports, and Robert's Rules of Order;
- **Experience** – you will gain diverse national-level expertise that will enhance your resume, college application, scholarship application, etc., and you may be able to get school credit for your work done with the AYC;





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- **Information** - you will receive first-hand information on national opportunities and Youth programming;
- **Culture** - you will be exposed to Indigenous culture during face-to-face meetings - an Elder will be present to provide guidance and support as well as leadership and team-building workshops and;
- **Self-satisfaction** is the essential point of all - representing Youth across the country, making a difference for Friendship Centre Youth. Working for something that you feel passionate about is what the AYC is all about.