

Nomination to AYC Executive Committee

These are the nomination procedures for the AYC Executive Committee positions.

All eligible delegates are between the ages of 14-24 years of age and who have their letter of credentials from their Friendship Centre. **Because the current AYC Vice-President, and AYC Secretary are from New Brunswick, and Saskatchewan, these regions are NOT eligible to put forth a candidate this year.** This is because any one region cannot have more than one member on the AYC Executive Committee.

The following positions are up for election this year:

AYC President	2-year term
AYC Treasurer	2-year term

All delegates that 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 shows that you have taken into consideration the high level of responsibility and time commitment that is required for an Executive Committee position. Prior to a final decision, please consider the following suggestions:

- Speak to your employer at work to see if getting time off for meetings or for conference calls will be supported.
- Speak to your teachers or your 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, as AYC meetings are 3-4 days long each, as well as time needed away for other meetings, conferences, and speaking engagements.

In previous years, the AYC has had Executive Committee members who have resigned from their positions primarily because they could not commit the time. The strength of the AYC is only a testament to the commitment of its members. It is difficult for the Council when there is turnover in members, especially in its Executive. Unlike regional representatives, there are no alternates for the Executive Committee members.

Letter of support from local Friendship Centre

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

Youth Forum Letter of Credentials

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

AYC Responsibilities

The AYC encourages those individuals that are running to become aware of all of the responsibilities held by an Executive Committee position.

Responsibilities such as:

- Time commitment - the AYC meets face-to-face two (2) times a year - usually 2-day meetings, as well as Conference Calls (monthly), on-line chats and other committee meetings that you may be asked to sit on - both internal and external to the AYC and NAFC;
- Report writing - for every meeting you attend a written report is required - a written report must also be submitted at every AYC meeting;
- Being a national spokesperson - you may be required to speak at different meetings, conferences, forums, etc on behalf of the AYC and on 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 to any youth across the country;
- Having a national perspective - making decisions on what's best for Youth across Canada, not what's best for youth within your local Friendship Centre only or your province/territory/region only;
- Chairing meetings - expected to chair AYC ad-hoc committee meetings, and;
- Knowledgeable on Youth issues - knowledgeable about the Friendship Centre Movement and its current issues and programs, especially Youth issues and programs.

There are also many benefits of being an Executive Committee member of the AYC including:

- Mentorship - you have the support of your fellow Council members and of the national office staff and of your Friendship Centre to accomplish your goals, who are some of the best leaders.
- Leadership Development - learn transferable skills and develop as a young leader in your community.
- Meeting new people - you'll meet many people, and some will become friends for life, others may help you along with your education or career aspirations;
- Learning - this is a great opportunity to learn even more about the Friendship Centre Movement, as well as national initiatives and policy development - the AYC also provides training, such as board governance training, facilitation, public speaking, how to read financial statements, and Robert's Rules of Order;
- Experience - you'll experience how things work at a national level and within a board structure and it will look great on a resume, college application, scholarship application, etc. and you may be able to get school credit for your work done on the AYC;
- Information - you will receive first-hand information on national opportunities and Youth programming;
- Culture - you will be exposed to Indigenous culture at every face-to-face meeting of the AYC - we have a wonderful Elder who provides guidance and support as well as leadership and team building workshops. In the past, we have also asked the Council members to share their cultures with the rest of the AYC, and;
- Self-satisfaction - this is the most important point of all - doing something for your fellow Youth across the country - making a difference for Friendship Centre Youth and working for something that you feel passionate about and you truly believe in - this is what the AYC is all about.