



Fort Orange District Youth Leadership Corps

2025 Overview

What is the Youth Leadership Corps?

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In Scouts BSA, we believe that youth are the experts of their experience. In order to strengthen the relevance and impact of the Scouts BSA program, the Fort Orange District Leadership Board seeks to engage youth in decisions that affect their experience.

In October 2025, the Fort Orange District will launch its initial Youth Leadership Corps cohort - a group of youth who will help shape the future of the Scouts BSA program within the Fort Orange District of the Twin Rivers Council by:

- Sharing their perspectives on the program's strengths and growth areas, as well as what we should be thinking about going forward.
- Providing feedback on programmatic ideas under consideration
- Participating in leadership trainings, classes, seminars and opportunities

The Youth leadership Corps will be comprised of a maximum of 9 total youth with a wide range of experiences and backgrounds from within the Fort Orange District.

This is a unique opportunity for youth to meet Scouts from across the District and help improve the Scouts BSA program.



What is the Commitment?

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Tenure and Monthly Commitment

The Youth Leadership Corps will serve from October 2025 to September 2026. During that time, the Youth Leadership Corps will meet once a month. There may be a periodic need to participate virtually in sub-committee work between full meetings. The anticipated commitment is approximately 1.5 - 3 hours per month.

Meeting Schedule

The Youth Leadership Corps will kick off in October 2025.

Commitment toward monthly participation is required for success of the program.



What are the Eligibility Criteria?

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In order to apply to the Youth Leadership Corps youth must be:

- Currently a member of the Scouts BSA program.
- Star rank or higher.
- At least 14 years old and not yet 18 years old during the entire term (October 2025 - September 2026).
- Currently or have served in a [position of responsibility](#) in a Scouts BSA troop.

There is no cost to apply, and if accepted to be a member of the YLC. On occasion meeting locations may charge an entrance or participation fee



What is the Selection Process?



Application

19/September/2025

Scouts are invited to apply by Sept 19th. Parents/guardians & Unit Leaders must consent to their Scout's participation.



Selection Notification

26/September/2025

Applicants (and their parents/guardians) will be notified of selection decisions via email by Sept 26th.

Please note that we are unable to accept all applicants to join the Youth Leadership Corps



Launch

October 2025

The first Youth Leadership Corps meeting will be held 20/October/2025 from 7-9 p.m. ET. Location TBD



Where we are in the selection process

I'm interested. What's next?

APPLICATION

1

Ask your parents/guardians & Unit Leader for permission to apply.

Print and have your parent/guardian & Unit Leader sign the [permission slip and talent release form](#). Upload the completed and signed document to the Fort Orange YLC weblink at FOYLC@trcscouting.org

2

Submit your application by 19/September/2025.

Interested youth nominees must complete the application by 19/September/2025. The application must be fully completed to be considered.

3

Email your questions

If you have additional questions after reading this slide deck, email us at FOYLC@trcscouting.org



What do I need to be prepared to answer on the application?

APPLICATION

When completing the application, you will be asked to:

- Share basic information about yourself (e.g. name, phone number, email address, demographic information, etc) and your parent/guardian (e.g. name, phone number, email address, etc).
- **Email a photo or PDF of your fully completed and signed parent/guardian & Unit Leader permission form. FOYLC@trcscouting.org**
- Share information about your Scouting background, including your Scouting biographical highlights (current and former roles/positions held, honors/awards, and any council or national events you've attended or staffed)
- Responses to the following questions (keep each response to 20 sentences or less)
 - Why are you interested in joining the Fort Orange Youth Leadership Corps?
 - What 1-3 ideas do you have to improve the Scouts BSA program? Explain why you believe each idea would improve the program.
 - What is 1 thing you would never change about the Scouts BSA program? Why not?
 - What should Scouts BSA change in order to recruit more of your friends who don't already participate?



Questions?

Contact: FOYLC@trcscouting.org



Frequently Asked Questions



Common Questions

FAQ

What are the Scouts BSA positions of responsibility?

To be eligible for nomination to the Fort Orange District Youth Leadership Corps, youth must be currently or have served in a position of responsibility in a Scouts BSA troop for any tenure.

Positions of responsibility include: patrol leader, senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster, or outdoor ethics guide.

I turn 14 right after the application deadline. Can I apply?

In order to be eligible for nomination, Scouts BSA youth must be at least 14 years old and not yet 18 years old during the entire term (October 2025 to September 2026). You may be able to nominate your Scout in the future. We anticipate launching the next cohort of the Youth Leadership Corps in Summer 2026.



Common Questions

FAQ

I am interested, but what if I can not make every meeting?

Thank you for your interest. In order to serve on the Youth Leadership Corps, Scouts must be available to attend the monthly meetings. We understand that things happen, and we will attempt to work with youth who have an occasional conflict, however, attendance is paramount within this advanced leadership group.

We anticipate launching the next cohort of the Fort Orange Youth Leadership Corps in Summer 2026. We hope you'll consider applying then if you meet the eligibility and if your schedule allows.

