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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Prairie Wetlands Learning Center
602 State Highway 210 East
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

FERGUS FALLS WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2025 SUMMER YOUTH JOBS

Do you love being outdoors? Maybe you're interested in a career in conservation or wildlife management. Then the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is for YOU! The Fergus Falls Wetland Management District (District) is hiring up to four individuals, ages 15 through 18, for employment in the YCC Program.

YCC crew members will work on wildlife habitat improvement projects, facility maintenance projects, fence removal, boundary posting, brush cutting, nest monitoring and maintenance, invasive species management and interpretation. The work is primarily outdoors, so exposure to weather conditions, insects, poison ivy and wildlife is inevitable. Appropriate personal protective equipment will be provided by the District. Crew members will receive on-the-job training and career oriented educational experiences.

YCC crew members will be paid \$11.13/hour (State minimum wage), 40 hours/week for eight weeks. The Prairie Wetlands Learning Center, 602 State Highway 210 East, Fergus Falls, Minnesota will be the location for selected crew members to start each day, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The 2025 YCC summer work season will run from June 12, through August 4. All participants must have a valid social security number.

To apply for one of these positions, please fill out a Youth Conservation Corps Application and return it to the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center (address above) no later than **4:00 p.m., April 21, 2025**. The Visitor Center is open every Wed from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. To turn in your application on other days, call the delivery numbers posted on the door. Mail or in-person drop off only, **do not** email applications. Participants will be selected through a random drawing process that will be conducted April 24, 2025.

For more information about Fergus Falls Wetland Management District, please check out our website <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/fergus-falls-wetland-management-district>. If you have questions regarding your application or the YCC program, please contact the Visitor Services Manager at (218) 998-4483, or email, prairiewet@fws.gov



UNITED STATES YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS APPLICATION FORM



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The United States Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a youth employment program that engages young people in meaningful work experiences at national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and fish hatcheries while developing an ethic of environmental stewardship and civic responsibility. YCC members work on projects that promote awareness and appreciation of the public lands legacy and the nation's natural, cultural, and historic resources.

The YCC is administered jointly by the U.S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service and U.S. Fish and U.S. Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture – U.S. Forest Service. Housing is not provided unless the specific YCC site/program has clearly indicated that their program provides housing.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- ✓ Be at least 15 years of age at the start of enrollment and must not reach age 19 before completion of the program
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States, its territories, or its possessions
- ✓ Provide or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of the applicant's home state
- ✓ Provide a valid U.S. Social Security number or have applied for a valid Social Security number
- ✓ Be able to fulfill the essential functions of the assigned work with or without a reasonable accommodation
- ✓ Be actively committed and willing to complete the assigned work project

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The YCC affords members a variety of opportunities to work on projects, such as constructing and repairing trails, preserving and repairing historic buildings, removing invasive species, assisting with wildlife and land research, leading environmental education programs, and supporting agency staff.

HOW TO APPLY

For more information on how to apply to YCC programs and opportunities, please visit agency webpages for locations, application process, due dates, and points of contact. Eligible applicants should follow the instructions for completing and submitting the application as directed by YCC program sites. Applicants may also contact the nearest YCC program office managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or U.S. Forest Service for more information.

Please visit the following sites for YCC opportunities:

- [National Park Service](#)
- [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)
- [U.S. Forest Service](#)

Please fill out this application as thoroughly and legibly as possible. Submit the completed application to the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program site location where you would like to work using the YCC mail or email address listed on the federal agency's website.

This application must be filled out completely to determine the applicant's eligibility and availability. Incomplete applications may be rejected. Complete applications include responses to all questions (unless marked optional), parent/guardian contact information, and certification signatures.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Gender: Male Female Non-binary Self-identify as: _____ Prefer not to disclose

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) Age: _____

Tell Us About Yourself

Please answer the following questions regarding your background, contact, and other information.

Contact Information

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

What is the best way and time to contact you?

What YCC site are you applying to? Note that a separate application needs to be completed for each site you are applying to. Please specify the session dates if known. Some sites may have more than one session offered, which may be noted on the site's YCC opportunities page.

Applicants are required to provide their own housing in the local area unless the YCC announcement clearly states that housing is provided as part of the program. Do you currently have housing in the local area from which you can commute each day?

Yes No N/A (The YCC site has clearly indicated that housing is provided)

If you do not currently have housing, explain your plans for obtaining housing if offered the position. Please note that finding short-term rentals in communities near public lands is often extremely difficult and sometimes does not exist.

How did you learn about the YCC program? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Past/Current YCC Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor/School Newspaper/School Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Poster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Staff Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Job Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify) |

Other information

1. Are you able to perform work that is physically strenuous and in adverse weather conditions such as rain or heat?
 Yes No
2. Will you require a reasonable accommodation (modification or adjustment to a job, the work environment, or the way things are usually done) to perform work that may be assigned to you? Yes No

If you answer "no" to question #1, or "yes" to question #2, tell us what types of work you are unable to perform and/or describe the types of reasonable accommodations you may need to work in the outdoors or otherwise.

3. Are you a current YCC member or have you served as a YCC member in the past? Yes No

If yes, where: _____ When: _____

4. Briefly describe the project(s) or work you performed: _____

Tell us why you want to join the YCC

Optional. Your answer will help the YCC site understand what you hope to get out of the position and how they can provide a positive YCC experience for you.

In 250 words or less, please explain why you want to serve as a YCC member.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please use this section to answer questions or to include more information to submit a complete YCC application. This section is optional and may be skipped if the applicant has no further information to share.

CERTIFY YOUR APPLICATION

I am familiar with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program and am interested in working to develop and maintain the natural and cultural resources of the United States.

I certify that I understand the work and environmental conditions that might exist while serving as a YCC member. I understand that I may be exposed to physical work, insects, poison oak and ivy, adverse weather, and outdoor working conditions up to eight hours a day during service, depending on the type of YCC position.

I certify that I meet all YCC program eligibility requirements. I am a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories or its possessions. I have or am applying for a valid U.S. Social Security number. I will be at least 15 years of age on or before the first day of work and will not reach 19 years of age before completion of the program. And finally, if selected, I will obtain a work permit, if required.

I certify that all information I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that incorrect statements constitute grounds for immediate dismissal. With my signature, I certify that I give my permission for this form to be reviewed by any YCC official.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature
(digital signature is acceptable)

Date
(mm/dd/yyyy)

For applicants under the age of 18:

By signing this document, I, the parent/legal guardian of the above applicant, acknowledge that I have discussed the YCC program with the applicant. I give permission for the applicant to apply for and participate in the YCC program, if selected.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature
(digital signature is acceptable)

Date
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Phone Number

Email Address

REFERENCES

Please provide four references who know you well, such as teachers, coaches, or religious leaders. At least two references must be people who are not related to you. Complete all information requested.

Reference 1

Reference 2

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Reference 3

Reference 4

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Email Address: _____

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: 16 USC 1701-1706, Chapter 37 – Youth Conservation Corps and Public Lands Corps, Subchapter I – Youth Conservation Corps (Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-378; 84 Stat. 794) as amended in 1972 (P.L. 92-597) and in 1974 (P.L. 93-408).

Purpose: The information is collected to evaluate the eligibility of youth 15-18 years of age for employment with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

Routine Uses: The information collected on this form may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in the DOI Office of the Secretary (OS) System of Records Notices INTERIOR/OS-25, YCC Enrollee Records, and INTERIOR/OS-29, YCC Recruitment Files available at <https://www.doi.gov/privacy/os-notices>.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may disqualify acceptance into the YCC program.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture – U.S. Forest Service, collect information necessary to assist the agencies in safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the enrollees of the YCC programs. Your response is voluntary, but failure to complete this form may result in exclusion from participation in the YCC program. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1093-0010.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information to average 25 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Departmental Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240, or via email at doi-pra@ios.doi.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.