United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Potomac River NWR Complex
12638 Darby Brooke Court
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Youth Conservation Corps Employment Program
Applicant Information

The Potomac River NWR Complex is sponsoring a summer Youth Conservation Corps Program. The complex is responsible for managing wildlands to provide for diversity of wildlife, providing opportunities for wildlife research, and providing opportunities for public education and wildlife-dependent recreation on three local National Wildlife Refuges (Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck NWR, Occoquan Bay NWR, and Featherstone NWR). Each day participants will report to the headquarters office of the Complex located at 12638 Darby Brooke Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

The **Youth Conservation Corps** is a federally funded work-learn-earn program aimed at developing an appreciation and understanding of the Nation's environmental and natural heritage. The program is eight weeks long. Enrollees work **40 hours per week (Monday through Friday, 7:30a.m- 4:00 p.m.) and earn minimum wage.** The program will run from **June 29-August 12, 2015. Enrollees are expected to be available for participation in the entire program.**

Projects may include grounds maintenance, trail building, controlling invasive species, and nuisance wildlife. Special environmental awareness activities are incorporated into the work schedule. Most work is outdoors.

Applicants must be between 15 and 18 years old (must be 15 by June 30th, and not age 19 before the end of the program). They must be a permanent resident of the United States, it territories or possessions. A strong interest in outdoor work and natural resources management is recommended.

Applicants will need a Social Security card prior to the first day of work. (Applicants for a Social Security card may be obtained from the nearest office of the Federal Social Security Administration. Processing takes approximately four weeks.

Corps enrollees **must be able to provide their own transportation** to and from work. Public transportation is not available.

Enrollees' **selection will be made by lottery.** Please visit our refuge website at http://www.fws.gov/mason_neck/ for additional information on the Complex and the YCC program or call (703) 490-4979.

<u>Applications must be postmarked by May 8, 2015</u>
Send applications to: YCC Coordinator, Potomac River NWR Complex,
12638 Darby Brooke Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192

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Youth Conservation Corps Application

Print or Type all answers. All questions and statements must be answered to enable Selection Office to determine applicant's eligibility and availability. Incomplete applications may have to be rejected. Authority is PL 93-408. During the term of employment, you must be at least 15 years of age and not have reached age 19.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box)

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number

In Case of an Emergency Phone Number

Applicant's Statement

YCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

I am familiar with the YCC program and interested in working in the outdoors to develop and maintain the natural resources of the United States. If selected, I will obtain a work permit if required. I have or am applying for a social security number. I am a permanent resident of the United States or its Territories or possessions. I do not have a history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might jeopardize my safety or that of others. I certify that all information I have given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have not participated in any YCC program for more than 3 weeks in the past, nor have I submitted duplicated applications. Incorrect statements constitute grounds for immediate dismissal. You have my permission to give this application to any YCC official for whose camp I am selected.

(Signature of Applicant) (Country)

I am familiar with the YCC program and the applicant has my permission to participate.

(Signature Parent/Guardian) (Date)

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United States Youth Conservation Corps

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a well-balanced work-learn-earn program that develops an understanding and appreciation in participating youth of the nation's environment and heritage. It is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, and by the U.S. Department of the Interior--Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service. YCC offers gainful summer employment to youth, for approximately eight weeks, in a healthful outdoor atmosphere.

Enrollees will be paid the minimum wage for a 40 hour work week. Most projects will enroll an equal number of males and females.

Projects include building trails, maintaining fences, cleaning up campgrounds, improving wildlife habitat, and thinning timber stands. Participants will do hard physical work and may be exposed to insects, poison oak and ivy, adverse weather, and difficult working conditions.

Eligibility Requirements

Young men and women, 15 through 18 years of age, who are permanent residents of the United States, its Territories, or possessions, are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds. Handicapped youth who can effectively participate in most YCC activities are eligible. Youth must have no history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might endanger their safety or that of others; have or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of their State; have a Social Security number or have made application for one; be willing and able to work hard and participate in most work projects. Employment is without regard to Civil Service or classification laws, rules, or regulations.

How You Can Enroll

To apply, youth meeting these qualifications should complete this YCC application form and return it at the earliest possible date to the nearest unit of a National Park, National Forest, or national Fish and Wildlife Refuge or Hatchery.

Applicants will be selected on a random basis and will be notified of selection. Demographic information such as age, race, and family income is not used in the selection process.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT
FOR THE YCC APPLICATION (FS-1800-18) 10/94

The following information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (PL-579). 5 U.S.C 301 and 7 CFR 260 authorize acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data will be used in the selection process of applicants for the YCC Crews, and for contacting the selected applicants. Furnishing your name and social security number is voluntary. However, your application cannot be processed without this information.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no agency may conduct or sponsor, and no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. The OMB approval number for this collection is 0596-0084. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

YCC complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. (29 U.S. Code 794). Under this Act and implementing Regulations, handicapped persons "who, with reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions" of the YCC are eligible. (7 CFR Part 15b and 43 CFR Part 17).