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Youth Conservation Corps Employment Program Applicant Information

Rappahannock River Valley NWR is sponsoring a summer Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program. The refuge is responsible for conservation, management, and restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats. We also provide opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation and wildlife research as well as promoting public education in the field of conservation. YCC work projects on the Refuge include the building and improving of trails, removing invasive plants, and contributing to wildlife management programs. Enrollees also participate in conservation-themed educational activities. Most work is outdoors.

The **Youth Conservation Corps**, first created in 1970, is a federally funded work-learn-earn program designed for young men and women ages 15-18 and 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, 8:00a.m- 4:30 p.m.) and earn \$7.25/hr.** The program will run from **June 25th- August 17th. Enrollees are expected to be available for the entire eight-week program.**

Applicants must be between 15 and 18 years old (must be 15 by June 25, and not age 19 before the end of the program). They must be a permanent resident of the United States, its 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).

YCC 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.**

For additional information or questions about the YCC program at Rappahannock River Valley NWR, please contact Bill Crouch, Refuge Manager, william_crouch@fws.gov. For additional information about the Refuge, please visit our website at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/rappahannock_river_valley/.

Applications must be postmarked by May 25th, 2018

Send applications to: YCC Coordinator, 336 Wilna Road, Warsaw, VA 22572

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
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Home Phone Number	Email Address
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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)

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).