

**ARIZONA YOUTH COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR 2011 - 2012**

If you are interested in being on the Arizona Youth Council, please read the attached copy of the expected duties and responsibilities of a member of this council. Then complete this application and bring it to the CYF retreat **Saturday, February 12th** or email it to heather@saguarochristian.org before that date. Interviews will be scheduled for during the retreat.

NAME _____ GRADE FALL 2011 _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Congregation currently attending _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

1. What office-leadership roles have you held in your local congregation?

2. What office-leadership roles have you held at school, and to what clubs or organizations do you belong?

3. In your congregation, do you regularly participate in:

Church School	___ yes ___ no	Worship	___ yes ___ no
CYF	___ yes ___ no	Fellowship	___ yes ___ no

4. Have you read the attached covenant of service and do you accept the responsibilities of being a Youth Council member, realizing there will be weekend obligations, evening responsibilities and extracurricular time which you will be expected to attend?

_____ yes _____ no

5. Please use a separate sheet of paper to comment on any of your answers on the above questions. Also, please complete the following paragraphs:

a) I want to be an Arizona Regional Youth Council member because...

b) I believe I can contribute to the Regional program by ...

c) I experience God when / by / because ...

d) The best thing about being part of this church is ...

6. Please return this completed form and one letter of recommendation at the retreat or to Heather at heather@saguarochristian.org

PARENT SECTION

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) support my daughter/son in applying for this position, and will assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Youth Signature _____

**ARIZONA YOUTH COUNCIL
PASTORAL REFERENCE**

**Pastors – Please send directly to Regional Office, do not return to youth.
Youth – Pastoral Reference does not count as one of your two references, you will need two additional.**

NAME OF YC APPLICANT _____ **CHURCH** _____

In your congregation, does this youth regularly participate in:

Church School	_____ yes _____ no	Worship	_____ yes _____ no
CYF	_____ yes _____ no	Other	_____ yes _____ no

What gifts have you seen demonstrated by this youth in your church?

Do you have concerns about this youth's ability to fill this responsibility?

Can you identify any personal or spiritual growth in this youth's life related to her/his past year's service on the Youth Council?

The Region is committed to shaping leaders for the church. What leadership qualities would you hope your applicant might develop?

I, _____ (Pastor's printed name), will pray for this youth and will assist them in fulfilling this position.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Comments:

ARIZONA YOUTH COUNCIL JOB DESCRIPTION

The Arizona Youth Council shall consist of youth that are active in their home congregations, who have a desire to give leadership at the Regional level, and who commit themselves to the work of the Youth Council.

A representative must be completing their freshman year of school or older to be eligible to serve. She or he must have previously participated in a Regional event (such as camp and/or CYF retreats).

Each representative must attend all CYF activities and planning sessions, including a winter Youth Council weekend retreat (if scheduled). Excused absences must be given to the Regional staff or sponsor. Excessive absences will result in removal from the Youth Council.

Each applicant will submit a written application to the Regional Staff, a pastoral reference/recommendation for and two letters of recommendation.

To be a continuing member of the Council, you must be committed to your congregation and be in regular attendance. As a youth leader in the Region, you are expected to be a leader in your congregation.

The term of office is one year if elected as a senior, two years if elected as a junior. An annual self-evaluation and review with the Regional Staff will be completed for continuing Youth Council members.

The interviewing of applicants will take place before summer camp, interview location TBD by at least two active adult leaders and additional interview team members as selected by Regional Staff. YC will be announced at least two weeks before camp and will be installed at summer camp.

The Arizona Youth Council will work with Regional Staff and Sponsors with calendaring, planning, preparation, and presentation of Regional CYF Activities throughout the year. Meetings of the Council will be held as needed for planning of activities. The Youth Council will also be involved in planning and leadership for Summer Conference and other regional events as requested by the Regional Staff and Camp Directors.

Members of the Arizona Youth Council will receive a four-year 50% tuition scholarship from Chapman University. This will require a letter of recommendation from the Regional Staff. Chapman University, located in Orange, California, is an institution of higher education related to our Regional Church through the Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Youth Council members will attend leadership training.

Being a member of the Youth Council is a privilege, a commitment and a responsibility. It is also a source of joy, nurture, sharing and caring. Prayer and Christian values are the center of all meetings and retreats. Growth in all areas of your life will occur if you are willing to open your heart and mind.

**ARIZONA YOUTH COUNCIL
COVENANT OF SERVICE**

The Arizona Youth Council shall consist of youth that are active in their home congregations, who have a desire to give leadership at the Regional level, and who will give needed commitment to the Youth Council.

A representative must be either a Junior or Senior in the following school year to be eligible to serve. She or he must have previously participated in a Regional CYF event (such as camp and/or retreats).

Each applicant will submit a written application to the Regional Staff, a pastoral reference/recommendation for and two letters of recommendation.

To be a continuing member of the Council, you must be committed to your congregation and be in regular attendance. As a youth leader in the Region, you are expected to be a leader in your congregation.

The term of office is one year if elected as a senior, two years if elected as a junior. An annual self-evaluation and review with the Regional Staff will be completed for continuing Youth Council members.

The election of Youth Council Officers will take place prior to CYF Conference. A Moderator or Moderators shall be chosen from the group and shall preside at all meetings of the Council; be responsible for agenda of meetings and communication between the Council and Regional Staff. Term of office is one year.

I will attend all CYF activities and planning sessions, including a winter Youth Council weekend retreat. Excused absences must be given to the Regional staff. I understand that excessive absences will result in removal from the Youth Council.

As a member of the Arizona Youth Council I will work with Regional Staff and Sponsors with calendaring, planning, preparation, and presentation of Regional CYF Activities throughout the year. I understand that meetings of the Council will be held as needed for planning of activities, and that these activities may be held in Phoenix, Casa Grande, or Tucson. The Youth Council will also be involved in planning and leadership for Summer Conference and other regional events as requested by the Regional Staff and Camp Directors.

I know that being a member of the Youth Council is a privilege, a commitment and a responsibility. It is also a source of joy, nurture, sharing and caring. Prayer and Christian values are the center of all meetings and retreats. I commit to being open to the growth and spiritual nurture found in the church and in the Youth Council body.

Youth Signature

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