



Youth Council Position Description

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Youth Council USA is a dedicated group of young people from around the United States who are making positive change happen in their communities for people, other animals, and the environment we all share.

Members of the Roots & Shoots Youth Council (RSYC) are the youth voice of the Jane Goodall Institute USA (JGI) and work hard to support JGI's mission, contributing to the organization's success in the U.S. and globally. Council members participate in fun and comprehensive skills training, act as mentors to Roots & Shoots members and represent JGI and Roots & Shoots USA at events, conferences, and across virtual platforms. RSYC members gain access to influential leaders, receive in-depth training on topics ranging from the Roots & Shoots program to public speaking and media relations to blog writing.

Benefits of Serving on the Council

ACCESS RSYC members have direct access to staff and leaders at the Jane Goodall Institute and Roots & Shoots USA, as well as a network of R&S alumni.

INFLUENCE As the youth voice of Roots & Shoots USA and JGI, Council members advise on the development of new R&S resources and the needs of our members as well as serve as inspiration for other R&S changemakers.

YOUTH SUMMIT RSYC members are invited to the annual summer Summit, a 3-5 day training and development experience with fellow Council members.

GLOBAL NETWORK Through events and meetings, RSYC members connect with leaders from various fields and build lasting relationships with like-minded, young changemakers from across the country and the globe.

AMPLIFICATION Council members' Roots & Shoots projects and initiatives are shared via Roots & Shoots and JGI print and social channels #RSYouthCouncil.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT At the Summit and during meetings, Council members build skills and explore careers with engaging sessions.



Youth Council Member Commitment

Being on the Roots & Shoots Youth Council USA is a serious commitment of time and energy. It is also a serious investment in building hope, helping our planet, and making lifelong friendships!

AS A 2025 RSYC MEMBER, YOU HAVE COMMITTED TO:

- * Creating and maintaining a R&S member account on www.rootsandshoots.org. This includes building your personal profile, and creating and completing online R&S project page(s).
- * Deepening your understanding about the Roots & Shoots model of community service and utilizing the R&S 4-Step Formula when starting a new R&S project.
- * Serving a 12-month term on the RSYC USA, January-December 2025, renewable to age 23.
- * Completing a minimum of **8 hours per month** on your individual projects, R&S campaigns and outreach, Council meetings, RSYC committee work, and events.
- * **Attending and participating in at least 75% of scheduled Council meetings.** Meetings are held via Zoom twice per month and last about one hour.
- * Reading and responding promptly to Council emails/messages from the Google group and R&S staff. We try to keep it to no more than two emails a week!
- * Tracking your hours and completing quick surveys on your Roots & Shoots work and service hours in a timely manner.
- * Participating in regional Roots & Shoots and partner outreach, events, conferences, and campaigns, including presentations to members, schools, and partners (schedule permitting).
- * Promoting Roots & Shoots resources and campaigns through your networks #RSYouthCouncil.

RSYC MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED MORE THAN ONE YEAR MAY:

- * Serve as a trainer/mentor to other Roots & Shoots members.
- * Mentor new RSYC members as they learn about Roots & Shoots and the Council.
- * Contribute to R&S social media features and feature stories on the Roots & Shoots and JGI website.
- * Attend and/or lead speaking engagements to spread awareness about Roots & Shoots and your work.
- * Lead and participate in national and global R&S projects and campaigns.