



Jane Goodall's  
**Roots & Shoots**  
USA

# Roots & Shoots Youth Council

## BEFORE you apply

- **Ask your reference:** Identify an adult to be your reference ASAP (**before** you finish the application). It is your responsibility to make sure that they submit it by the deadline.
- **Get creative:** As part of this application, you get to share a creative piece with us. Past entries have included short project videos, photo/visual scrapbooks, written pieces, and links to performance pieces. Have fun with it!
- **Check-in with a parent/guardian:** Discuss your decision to apply to the R&S Youth Council. If you are offered a spot on the RSYC and are under 18, your parent/guardian will be asked to complete an acknowledgement form.
- Scroll through the entire application now so you know what is required.

## About the application

- **The RSYC application will take at least 1 hour.** You can save your work and come back to finish it.
- Consider typing your responses in a separate doc to copy and paste into the application so you don't lose your work. Use the "**Save Draft**" button often!
- There are three parts to this application: the online application form, your creative piece and one reference. Only **complete applications** with all three components will be reviewed.
- For help with using Submittable (our online application platform), check out [this webpage](#).
- **October 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm Eastern Time is the deadline.** Consider your time zone!!
- **Apply here:** <https://janegoodallinstituteusa.submittable.com/>

# 2026 RSYC Application Guide