



BC RCMP YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM

A Commitment to the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee

The goal of the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is to ensure youth participation in the development of effective RCMP youth strategies and initiatives. Members of the BC RCMP YAC interact through a private Facebook group to discuss issues that matter to them. All participants are expected to answer all discussion questions, participate in private Facebook LIVE events, and possibly engage in occasional community activities. We encourage the flow of discussions, and when needed, we will also join in to keep the conversation going. We'd love to hear from you, and hear from you often!

Please complete all sections of the form with a parent or guardian and send it by:

Email: yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca;

Fax: 778-290-6052; or

Mail to: RCMP Crime Prevention Services
14200 Green Timbers Way, Mailstop #104
Surrey, BC V3T 6P3

If possible, please complete this form on a computer or tablet to ensure clarity. If you are filling this out by hand, print as neatly as possible. If we cannot read the information provided, your application may not be considered.

**Applications must be received by:
September 21, 2021**

B Applicant Information

Full legal name (first, middle, and last):

Birthday (YYYY-MM-DD):

Street number and name: _____

Suite/Apartment # (if applicable): _____

City/Town: _____

P.O. Box (if applicable): _____

Postal Code: _____

Province/Territory: _____

Home telephone number: _____

Do you have a smart phone?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cellphone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

What is the best way to reach you? ☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ E-mail

Gender: _____

How did you hear about this opportunity?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> School Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Officer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other employee of a police organization | |

Accepted members may receive a RCMP t-shirt.

Adult t-shirt size: ☐ XS ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL

Name of a parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Phone number of parent or Legal Guardian: _____



Online Information

List any applicable social media platforms that you use.

Twitter handle: @ _____

Instagram handle: @ _____

YouTube account: _____

Other: _____

*Do you have a Facebook account?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Facebook profile name: _____

**Please note that this Committee takes place on a private Facebook Group. If you currently do not have an account, you must be prepared to register a Facebook account to participate in this RCMP program.*



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D School Information (if applicable)

Name of school: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

What grade are you in? _____

E Tell Us More About You

1. Why do you want to be a member of the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee? (max. 300 words):

2. Tell me about yourself

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3. Please list all organizations, clubs, or sports teams that you are involved with (previous or current), as well as any volunteering and community service experience.

4. In your opinion, what are two of the biggest issues facing youth in your community?

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5. What solution do you propose for these issues? What role would you like to play in addressing these issues?

6. Please tell us what you would like to achieve during your time in the BC RCMP YAC, and/or how the BC RCMP YAC might help you achieve your future goals (max. 300 words):

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Reference #1

You need to provide a reference for this application. A reference could be a teacher, principal, elder, police officer, community leader, coach, doctor, lawyer or another authority figure.

Name of applicant: _____

Name of reference (first and last): _____

Please indicate role: Teacher Principal Guidance Counselor Coach Police Officer
 Youth Worker Other (please specify)

How do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Reference's professional or personal e-mail: _____

Reference's phone number: Work: _____ Cell: _____

Best time to call (Monday to Friday) Morning Afternoon Evening Anytime

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Reference #2

You need to provide a reference for this application. A reference could be a teacher, principal, elder, police officer, community leader, coach, doctor, lawyer or another authority figure.

Name of applicant: _____

Name of reference (first and last): _____

Please indicate role: Teacher Principal Guidance Counselor Coach Police Officer
 Youth Worker Other (please specify)

How do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Reference's professional or personal e-mail: _____

Reference's phone number: Work: _____ Cell: _____

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G Model Release Agreement: Films - Photos - Videos

As a member of the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee, you agree to let the RCMP use your photos, videos, and stories for recruitment and promotional purposes. The RCMP will ask before publishing your images, stories or videos.

I, _____ (name of youth applicant) agree to model for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada in the production of RCMP photographs, motion pictures, videos or other productions ("RCMP materials").

I give Her Majesty, her employees, agents and representatives, the right to use, modify, reproduce and distribute in any media or format, any such likeness of mine for any purpose whatsoever, whether alone or in combination with other material.

I also give to Her Majesty, her employees, agents and representatives, permission to give others these same rights, all without payment of any compensation to me.

I release and discharge the RCMP, its employees, agents and representatives from any claims, obligations or liability of any kind related in any way to this consent or the publication or distribution of the RCMP materials.

In witness whereof, I have executed this consent and release on (Date (YYYY-MM-DD)) _____

Name of model/youth applicant: _____

Telephone number of model/youth applicant: _____

Signature of the model/youth applicant: _____

Name of parent/guardian if model/youth is under 18 years of age: _____

Signature of parent/ guardian if model/youth applicant is under 18 years of age: _____

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H Demographics (optional)

Completion of Part H (Demographics) is voluntary. The information collected in this section helps us obtain an accurate profile of the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and ensure we best meet your needs.

The BC RCMP YAC is committed to having a diverse youth committee reflective of the Canadian society. Your responses will help us identify if our recruiting efforts are reaching youth applicants from diverse backgrounds. The information you provide in Part H will not affect your application.

Indigenous persons:

An Indigenous person is a North American Indian or a First Nation, a Métis, or Inuit. North American Indians or members of a First Nation include status, treaty or registered Indians, as well as non-status and non-registered Indians.

Are you an Indigenous person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you replied yes to the previous question, you may voluntarily select one of the following categories which best describes your Indigenous status.

- ☐ Inuit ☐ First Nation/North American Indian
☐ Métis ☐ Other, please specify: _____

Visible minorities:

A person in a visible minority in Canada is someone (other than an Indigenous person as defined above) who is non-white in colour / race, regardless of place of birth.

Are you in a visible minority or origin group? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you replied yes to the previous question, you may voluntarily select one of the following categories which best describes your visible minority group or origin.

- ☐ Black
☐ Non-white Latin American (including indigenous persons from Central and South America, etc.)
☐ Person of mixed origin (with one parent in one of the visible minority groups listed here)
☐ Chinese
☐ Japanese
☐ Korean
☐ Filipino

- ☐ South Asian / East Indian (including Indian from India, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, East Indian from Guyana, Trinidad, East Africa, etc.)
☐ Non-white West Asian, North African or Arab (including Egyptian, Libyan, Lebanese, Iranian, etc.)
☐ Southeast Asian (including Burmese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai, Vietnamese, etc.)
☐ Other visible minority group, please specify: _____

Persons with disabilities:

A person with a disability has a long-term or recurring physical, mental, sensory, psychiatric or learning impairment.

Are you a person with a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you replied yes to the previous question, you may voluntarily check any of the following categories which best describes your disability.

- ☐ Co-ordination or dexterity (difficulty using hands or arms, for example, grasping or handling a stapler or using a keyboard)
☐ Mobility (difficulty moving around, for example, from one office to another or up and down stairs)
☐ Speech impairment (unable to speak or difficulty speaking or being understood)
☐ Blind or visual impairment (unable to see or difficulty seeing)
☐ Deaf or hard hearing (unable to hear or difficulty hearing)
☐ Other disability (including learning disabilities, developmental disabilities and all other types of disabilities)

If you have checked "Other disability", please specify:

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MEMBER AGREEMENT

Please read these terms and conditions carefully. By checking each box, you indicate that you understand and accept the terms and conditions of the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee.

Goals

The BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) consists of BC youth aged 14 to 18, who provide advice, recommendations and a youth perspective to RCMP programs, activities and projects.

Your obligations

- ☐ **Time Commitment** - The Committee requires a time commitment of two to four hours per month for the duration of the school year (from October to June). To keep the conversation going, **we ask that you commit to answering all discussion questions in the Facebook group**. As a committee member you are required to respond to **ALL mandatory** questions. **You must answer all questions to get a reference letter**. You may also be required to participate in community outreach activities.
- ☐ **Content of Contributions** - One of the major goals of the BC RCMP YAC is to share young people's perspectives on issues affecting youth. Members do not have to share personal information, experiences or views. Information members decide to share should be true and accurate. We encourage members to like and discuss posts on a regular basis and use Facebook's "emotions tools", polls and emojis.

Reasonable communication conditions

- ☐ **Inappropriate Content and Conduct** - We encourage members to express their opinions and be open to others' input and feedback. We will not tolerate harassment or insults or the uploading of offensive material. The respect of other Committee members is of utmost importance. If you are disrespectful or hurtful, your membership may be revoked or put on-hold, in which case you will receive a notice.
- ☐ **Language** - We will not tolerate offensive and derogatory language. Members may respectfully disagree with one another. Please make sure your constructive feedback is toward the idea, not the person. If someone disagrees with your viewpoint, don't take it personally. In fact, disagreements may become the basis of healthy discussions.
- ☐ **Other Behaviour** - As a member of the BC RCMP YAC, you are a youth leader. You represent the RCMP, and hold a responsibility to your commitment. Any offensive or illegal behaviour outside of the Committee will not be tolerated and may result in the revocation of your membership.

Termination

- ☐ **Revocation of Membership** - The administrators of the BC RCMP YAC reserve the right to revoke the membership of any members who fail to follow the above rules and/or who do not take an active part in the Committee.

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I, _____ (name of youth applicant), have read and understand the purpose of the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee, and hereby agree to the above terms and conditions that are outlined in relation to the BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee.

Applicant Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

I, _____ (name of parent/legal guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age) support the commitment that my young person is making towards the RCMP BC Youth Advisory Committee.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Thank you for your interest in the BC RCMP YAC!

Please sign and **submit** your completed application **by September 21, 2021** in one of the following ways:

- **Fax:** 779-290-6052
- **Email:** yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
PLEASE WRITE IN SUBJECT OF EMAIL: "(CITY OF RESIDENCE) - LAST NAME, First Name BC YAC Application"
- **Mail:** RCMP Crime Prevention Services
14200 Green Timbers Way, Mailstop #104
Surrey, BC V3T 6P3

Note: Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the BC RCMP YAC?

The BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a group of young Canadians (ages 14 to 18) from across British Columbia who discuss youth crime and victimization topics on a private online forum. They represent a youth voice and their feedback helps the RCMP develop effective youth strategies.

2. Who can join the BC RCMP YAC?

To join the BC RCMP YAC, applicants must reside in BC and be between the ages of 14-18 at the start of the Committee term. Applicants who are younger than 14 and older than 18 by October 1st will be rejected from the application process.

3. What is required from Committee members?

Participation in the BC RCMP YAC requires approximately 2 to 4 online hours per month, from October to June. Committee members are expected to participate in the private Facebook discussions by the requested deadlines in order to ensure their membership within the BC RCMP YAC. Members must adhere to the terms of reference outlined in the Member Agreement, including being respectful of others.

4. What does the BC RCMP YAC discuss?

Discussion topics generally focus on issues related to youth crime and victimization. Examples of discussion topics include bullying and cyberbullying, drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships, impaired driving, school safety and much more.

5. Where does the BC RCMP YAC take place?

BC RCMP YAC discussions take place in a Private Facebook. This means that only those inside the group have access to the information shared within the group. The group cannot be searched and only those invited to it by the RCMP will be added as participants.

6. What is in it for you?

The BC RCMP YAC requires youth to use critical thinking skills when answering discussion questions. BC RCMP YAC members get the chance to interact with other youth from across British Columbia and gain incredible insight. They play an essential role in shaping how the RCMP supports young persons. Committee members identify current issues that affect youth, address community concerns, and help design initiatives to foster change. There may also be opportunities for members to engage with local and national organizations. Upon successful completion of discussion questions, youth may receive a reference letter for scholarship, job, college or university applications.

7. How do I apply?

Email us at yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca to request an application form. Complete the form and send it back to us by the due date. If selected, you will receive further details on the next steps to join the Committee.

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9. Will the information that I provide in Part H (Demographics) compromise my application?

No. The information collected from Part H (Demographics) is for statistical purposes and to help us best meet the needs of youth in the Committee. The BC RCMP YAC is committed to having a diverse youth committee reflective of Canadian society. Your responses will help us identify if our recruiting efforts are reaching youth applicants from diverse backgrounds. The information you provide in Part H will not affect your application.

10. Why am I asked if I have a smartphone, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram account?

We collect this information for our own knowledge of the group - it will not affect your application. Some of the engagement opportunities may require the use of social media. To participate in the BC RCMP YAC, members are only required to create a Facebook account, if they do not already have one.

11. What is Facebook Live?

Facebook Live events are live videos streamed in the Facebook group where we discuss a particular topic with guest speakers. BC RCMP YAC members have the opportunity to send in their questions for the speaker in advance, and can also send in their questions live during the event. Facebook Live events are typically held in the evening and last no more than an hour. Your involvement in these events will count towards your participation in the BC RCMP YAC.

12. How does the reference letter process work?

At the end of the year, we will be sending a reference letter to those who actively participated in the committee throughout the year (i.e. engaged in posts and activities, and responded to all mandatory discussion questions). We will only be submitting one letter per BC RCMP YAC member.

13. Why do I need to sign a Model Release form?

The Model Release section of the application is mandatory. When signed, the applicant agrees to act as a spokesperson for the BC RCMP YAC. As a spokesperson you agree to let the RCMP use your image, stories, and pictures for recruitment and promotional purposes. Understanding and signing the Model Release form lets us know that you agree to the terms and conditions and understand that we may use some of the information from your participation in the BC RCMP YAC.

14. When will applicants be notified if they have been accepted into the Committee?

Applicants who are selected to be a part of the BC RCMP YAC will be notified by October 2021.