

Do you have what it takes to Motivate Others through Voices of Experience?

Chapter Readiness Checklist

Are you ready to become a Chapter? The checklist below is a guidance tool suggested to complete *prior* to filling out the actual application. The Youth MOVE Chapter application process is created to ensure that groups are truly youth-driven and ready to successfully engage in our national network of youth advocates.

- We have a minimum core group of 5 young people committed to building a chapter whose mission and vision are in alignment with that of [Youth MOVE National](#).
- We are currently active.
- We meet at least once a month.
- We have been meeting regularly for 6 months or more.
- We have committed youth who have been introduced to what Youth MOVE National is and does.
- We have identified Chapter Leaders. This can include; Youth Leaders (between ages 10 – 29), elected Officers (Chapter President, Treasurer, etc.), and at least one Youth Advocate (age 16 - 29) to receive YMN information and take on the responsibility of chapter reporting.
- We have developed a Mission and Vision statement for our group.
- We have identified potential partners, adult supporters, stakeholders, community members, and organizations who are interested in supporting our process to become and sustain this chapter.
- We have engaged in [strategic planning](#) and asked ourselves, “Where are we going as a group and how do we plan to get there?”
- We have connected with the other [Youth MOVE Chapters](#) in our state.
- In the case that there is an existing statewide chapter, we have established an initial connection.
- We have the ability to access social media platforms for outreach and engagement.
- We will involve youth voice in the filling out of a [Youth MOVE National Chapter Application](#).
- We have contacted Youth MOVE National Member Services via email or phone about our interest in becoming a chapter within the last 6 months.

Other things to consider:

- >You do *not* have to check off every item in order to proceed to the application questionnaire.
- >Do you already have an existing relationship with a host organization? Work together to determine what your relationship will be.
- >We encourage youth voice to be applied throughout the entire application.
- >Youth MOVE National frequently works with communities throughout the process of building their MOVEMENT with [technical assistance \(TA\)](#). From start-up support to strategic plans for sustainability – we’ve got you covered!!
- >Contact a Member Services team member at info@youthmovenational.org.