

Youth MOVE National 2026 Chapter Membership Agreement

At Youth MOVE National (YMN), our Chapter Network has always been at the heart of our mission to elevate youth voices of lived experience - it's literally at the center of our name (Motivating Others through Voices of Experience). A Youth MOVE Chapter at its core is fairly simple - it's a group of youth coming together to help each other, their community, and unite over common causes such as climate change, gun violence, mental health, education, etc. Chapters can be specific to a community or city, county or state, specific issue or cause, basically anywhere there is a passionate young adult activist, we can be there helping guide their advocacy with resources, trainings, and like-minded peers.

Our Chapters represent a diverse movement of passionate youth advocates, groups, initiatives, programs, and clubs all over our vast country of local communities, regions, states, tribal nations, and territories. They've also been proven to improve overall holistic youth wellbeing, grades and school attendance, increase hope, joy, and connectedness, while lowering isolation, depression, and anxiety, and through our many programs, trainings, resources, and initiatives, empower, improve upon, and build youth leadership, workforce, and civic engagement skills and involvement. Our Chapters are not just "social clubs" - they are life changing, life saving hubs of safety, affirmation, togetherness, and activism!

Below are the requirements for a Chapter to remain in good standing and what you are agreeing to as a Chapter upon signing:

- A Chapter must be youth led and driven with its membership being majority youth (29 years or younger) including leadership
- A Chapter must have a governance structure in place for decision-making. (For example, for a Host Organization Chapter we recommend a "Core Four": President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). These positions cannot be someone over the age of 29.
- A Chapter representative must attend 9 out of 12 (75%) Chapter Chats (takes place every month for 60 minutes)
- Participate in the following amount of activities, programs, or events per year, approved by Youth MOVE National, and documented via the [Chapter Activity Tracker](#):
 - Host Organization Chapter - at least 6 yearly
 - Program Chapter - at least 4 yearly
 - Grassroots & Tribal Chapter - at least 1 every 6 months

- Submit the following required Chapter documentation and information:
 - Annual Report (once a year)
 - Membership Agreement (once a year)
 - Bylaws
 - Mission / Vision / Values / Commitment to Affirming Spaces (CTAS) statements
 - If you can not think of any, you can use ours upon approval
 - At least one active social media platform (Facebook page, Instagram, Discord, TikTok, etc.)
- Pay dues of \$125 once a year (waived for 2025 Chapter of the Year and grassroots, tribal Chapters). *Program Chapters pay dues on case-by-case determinations prior to signing a membership agreement.*
- A Memorandum of Understanding ([MOU](#)) between the **youth group** and its Host Organization, Community Partner, and/or Adult Support if it applies to your Chapter classification
 - Youth MOVE National is here to assist you in creating this, schedule a coaching call and lets talk!
- Establish a Youth MOVE-approved logo
- Include a Youth MOVE National logo and link to Youth MOVE National's website on all newsletters, [marketing materials](#), and any other public, external facing materials including your Chapter website (if applicable)
- Be “reasonably” responsive to Youth MOVE National asks and correspondence including scheduling and attending at least 2 [coaching/check in calls](#) a year
- All Chapter members must complete our [demographic survey](#)
- Provide up-to-date contact information of primary youth leaders and adult supports (if applicable)

All of the above is subject to Youth MOVE National approval. We are available to directly assist your Chapter with each item including logo development, statement and bylaw writing, event planning, etc.

Chapters must also agree to be in alignment with the following statements:

Youth MOVE National Vision Statement

Youth MOVE National envisions a future in which young people are valued as empowered leaders, advocates, and designers of communities that are built for all youth to thrive.

Youth MOVE National Mission Statement

Youth MOVE National connects, supports, and develops youth leadership in advocacy to create positive change. We practice authentic youth engagement through youth driven decision making by elevating youth voices of lived experience. We ensure that young people are heard and valued as leaders in the agencies, communities, and systems that impact their lives.

Youth MOVE National Values

- Centering youth agency, autonomy, and consent over their own bodies, lives, and actions
- Dismantling systemic oppression and barriers that deny youth the conditions to thrive
- Prioritizing healing-centered care and harm reduction over punishment or forced interventions
- Cultivating spaces and connections with affirming communities of resonance and support
- Elevating the perspectives of youth with firsthand lived/ing experiences
- Amplifying the BIPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+, and disabled youth communities who are disproportionately affected by violence and unaffirming environments

Youth MOVE National Commitment to Affirming Spaces Statement

Youth MOVE National (YMN) is a youth focused, social justice nonprofit dedicated to ensuring a future in which young people are valued as empowered leaders, advocates, and designers of communities that are built for all youth to thrive. As we know, not all youth are presently thriving, disproportionately those most affected by systemic oppression are youth at the margins, our Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) youth, our Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual / Aromantic and other youth who are non-exclusively heterosexual and/or cisgender (2SLGBTQIA+), our disabled youth communities, and more. Because of this, it is important our Chapters uplift diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) across our Chapter Network ensuring affirming, trauma informed environments, where youth are welcomed as they are, their full, holistic, authentic selves.

Chapter Benefits

The following benefits are for all Chapters in good standing and its members (both youth and adult supports).

- Membership to a network of youth leaders and chapters all across the nation sharing their experiences and expertise

- Insider access to national leaders and trends around system change, policy reform, DC advocacy and lobbying, and more
- Youth MOVE National staff available for Chapter and individual support such as training and technical assistance, coaching calls, 1-on-1 meetings, and more
- Weekly Chapter-only e-newsletters full of exclusive opportunities, resources, conferences, and helpful information from the field
- Exclusive funding and employment opportunities
- A variety of tailored toolkits, tipsheets, issue briefs, trainings, and more
- Youth MOVE branding and social media and marketing support
- And much, much more!

Please note Youth MOVE (Motivating Others through Voices of Experience) and variations of this name, is a registered trademark of Youth MOVE National and cannot be used without explicit permission. This agreement permits the use of the name and entitles Chapters to full membership benefits for one year from the date of signing, or until Chapter leadership changes (whichever comes first) as long as the Chapter remains in good standing. Chapters are “at-will” meaning both Chapter leadership and Youth MOVE National reserves the right not to renew a Chapter’s status, or to cancel a Chapter’s status at any time, revoking the use of the name and likeness.

2026 [Chapter Classification:](#)

- Host Organization
- Grassroots
- Program
- Tribal

The undersigned officials attest that they are authorized to sign this Chapter Membership Agreement, agreeing to all stated above, on behalf of:

(Name of host organization or Chapter name if no host organization)

(Youth Leader: Name, role, signature, date)

(Adult Support **if applicable*: Name, role, signature, date)

Te Jay McGrath (he/him), Assistant Director

Date



Arc Telos Saint Amour (they/them), Executive Director

Date