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Youth MOVE National Board of Directors Application

Interested in applying for the Youth MOVE National Board?

Youth MOVE (Motivating Others through Voices of Experience) National (YMN) has been envisioning a future in which young people are valued as empowered leaders, advocates, and designers of communities that are built for all youth to thrive, in various capacities for over 20 years. By supporting positive youth development and leadership while connecting young people with systems change makers, YMN amplifies the voices of young people across the nation, creating real change on the federal and local levels through programs, trainings, and initiatives. YMN is experienced in listening to our partners, gathering input through focus groups, consultation, and needs assessments, then analyzing this information to identify approaches and best practices to effect change within their fields and communities. This process informs our work at every level, ensuring youth workforce development and infusion of youth voice and agency within systems through meaningful design, implementation, and evaluation. If this sounds good to you, we welcome you to join our MOVEMENT.

Think about the duties and responsibilities of being a board member detailed below, and if you feel you would make a valuable contribution to the team, please fill out the application at the end of this document and send to telos@youthmovenational.org and president@youthmovenational.org.

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 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.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Participate in monthly Board meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM ET / 4 PM PT
- Participate in at least one monthly committee meeting:
 - Executive (reserved for the elected President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)(oversight of the Board and Executive Director) - third Tuesday of the month at 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT
 - Membership (oversees our Chapter network) - first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM ET / 4 PM PT
 - Resource and Development and Finance (R&D&F)(fundraising and financial matters) - second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM ET / 4 PM PT
- Make a monetary donation to the organization at least once a year (any amount)
- Broadly positively promote the organization and connect, network, and disseminate information
- Do an additional one to two hours of general work to help the organization outside of meeting times
- Which, on average, is a time commitment of 3 - 5 hours a month

YMN is a youth focused, social justice nonprofit dedicated to uplifting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) across our work. Thus, as an anti-oppression organization we are committed to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive environment grounded in justice work, intersectionality, shared learning, and organizational and individual growth. We actively encourage applicants from historically and presently excluded communities such as 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, BIPOC folks, neurodivergent people, living with mental health challenges and/or other disabilities, and lived experiences of homelessness, substance use, low socio-economic background, former incarceration, and more. Lived experience is at the heart of YMN and we invite you to bring your full, holistic self to our organization.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who is represented on the Board?

Representation on the Youth MOVE National Board shall be made up of no less than 60% youth (18-29 years of age) with lived and living experience with the mental health, juvenile justice, special education, substance use, or child welfare systems. We primarily focus on BIPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+, and disabled youth communities since we know these are the populations who are disproportionately not thriving, as they are marginalized and devalued within our society. However, we encourage all people, from all backgrounds and identities to apply.

How long do members serve on the Board?

New members are elected for a term of two (2) years. After two terms, a Board member must reapply for membership if interested in remaining on the Board.

How many members can be on the Board of Directors?

The Board can have no fewer than twelve (12) and no more than twenty-one (21) board members. The Board must include the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

What happens if a Board member leaves their position before their term expires?

Although we hope it doesn't happen, a Board member can step down anytime for any reason, and may be removed anytime for any reason by a 2/3 vote of the Board. If an Executive of the Board steps down early or is removed, a quorum of the remaining Board members may choose a successor for the remaining term of that member.

Is there any financial compensation for being on the Board?

No, this is a learning, working, and giving Board. Board members are not compensated.



What are the Executive positions on the Board?

The Executives of the Board consist of the following:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Executives are elected for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. Executives may only serve for a maximum of two terms.

How does the application process work and what comes next?

- Fill out the below application
- Attach that application (and any questions) to an email to telos@youthmovenational.org and president@youthmovenational.org
- The members of the Executive Committee and Executive Director will review applications and you may be invited to attend an interview
- If selected for the Board, current Board members will vote on accepting your nomination, and if approved, you will start attending meetings immediately as a full Board member

Youth MOVE National Board of Directors Application Form

To apply to the Youth MOVE National Board of Directors, complete this form and e-mail to: telos@youthmovenational.org and president@youthmovenational.org

The information on this form is for sole use of Youth MOVE National and is considered confidential.

Applicant’s Information (all required)

Affirming Name:

Pronouns:

State:

Email Address:

Are you under the age of 30: YES NO

Demographic / Lived Experience Information (optional)

These questions are optional. We only ask to ensure we have a diverse Board of individuals from all different identities, experiences, and backgrounds. Knowing this information also helps with grant applications as some funders require deidentified “identity makeup” of boards on applications

Check all that apply:

Systems-Involvement:	Identity Demographics:	Lived Experience:
Substance Use Mental Health Child Welfare Justice / Incarceration Education / Special Education Physical Healthcare Other:	2SLGBTQIA+ Person of Color Disabled Other:	Houselessness Parenting Caregiving HIV/AIDS Advocacy Vocational Rehab/Supported Employment Food Instability Low-income Disability Immigrant / 1st / 2nd Generation Anti-Oppression Community Organizing Veteran Other:

5. What is one area where you hope to learn or grow by serving on the Board?

Do you agree to the board expectations, meeting times, and attest, to the best of your knowledge, all of yours in this application are your own, and accurate?

YES

NO

Next steps:

- Attach this application (required) along with a resume (optional) and any letters of recommendation (optional) to an email to: telos@youthmovenational.org and president@youthmovenational.org
- These emails are monitored, so please feel free to include any questions, comments, and/or concerns as well
- Members of the Executive Committee and Executive Director will review applications and you may be invited to attend an interview
- If after an interview you are selected for the Board, current Board members will vote on accepting your nomination, and if approved, you will start attending meetings as a full Board member at the next meeting after the vote

THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION