

Thrive Youth

Welcome to the application for Thrive Youth West on August 3-7, 2017 at East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue, WA and Thrive Youth East July 26-30th at Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, Maryland.

Priority deadline to apply is February 1, 2017.

Thrive Youth is for any youth who identifies as of African Descent, Caribbean, Native/American Indian, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latina/o/x and Hispanic, Middle Eastern/Arab, and Multiracial. All participants must be in 9th-12th grade during the 2016-2017 school year (or the equivalent for homeschooled). Thrive Youth programs are open to participants bridging into young adulthood during the summer of 2017.

Thrive Youth 2017 is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association in collaboration with the Pacific Western Region and Central East Region.

If you have questions, please contact us at 617-948-4350 or youth@uua.org.

For a hard copy of this application, download this [PDF](#).

For recommendation letter guidelines, download this [PDF](#) and give it to your recommender.

I am applying for:

- Thrive Youth West, August 3-7 in Bellevue, WA
 Thrive Youth East, July 26-30 in Annapolis, MD

Name *

First Last

Preferred Name (if different from above)

Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Email *

Phone Number *

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Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) *

Grade in School (or the equivalent for home-schooled)

UU Congregation or Covenanted Community *

Congregation or Covenanted Community City and State *

How did you find out about this program?

- Religious professional like a minister, director of religious education or youth advisor
- Parent/Guardian
- Youth Group
- Facebook
- A friend or peer
- Alumni of the program
- UUA.org
- Other

Identities

Please share a little about how you identify. If you do not wish to answer you can put N/A in the field(s).

Gender *

Race / Ethnicity *

Orientation (Sexual/Affectional)

Pronouns you use

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about identities that are important to you?

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name *

Parent/Guardian Email *

Parent/Guardian Phone Number *

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Opt-In Permission to Contact *

- I give the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) permission to contact me regarding this and other leadership opportunities.

Recommendation Letter

Please submit one letter of recommendation from someone who has worked with you. The letter may come from a peer youth, adult, minister, youth advisor, teacher, mentor, religious educator. The letter should be no more than one page and share why you are a good candidate for Thrive Youth. You can provide your recommender with this information sheet ([PDF](#)) about the letter of recommendation.

Letters of recommendation must arrive by the application deadline of February 1, 2017.

Your recommender will send their letter independently of this form, so please let us know who your recommender is. Please have recommenders email their letter to [yayaofcolor @ uua.org](mailto:yayaofcolor@uua.org).

Recommender Name: *

Role/Relationship to You: *

Recommender Email: *

Recommender Phone Number: *

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Short Answer Questions

(Please limit responses to 200 words per question. You may wish to complete your answers a word document or email and then paste them in here.)

Why would you like to be part of Thrive Youth? *

Maximum Allowed: **200** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

What experiences have you had as a leader? *

Maximum Allowed: **200** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

What is one challenge you face as a UU Youth of Color? *

Maximum Allowed: **200** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

What inspires you these days as a Unitarian Universalist? *

Maximum Allowed: **200** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Lodging and Logistics

In order to streamline our lodging and logistics planning, please complete the below information and submit it along with your application. We are committed to ensuring all selected applicants are able to attend and participate fully. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the site of Thrive Youth.

Your answers are optional and do not affect the application or selection process.

Preferred Name

1. Please let us know about any food preferences, allergies, restrictions, etc.

2. Thrive Youth participants will be housed in the hosting congregation. Youth will stay in a quiet, spacious room for people of all genders with adult supervision per UUA region's policies about small youth gatherings. Will you need alternative rooming arrangements?

3. Please share any accessibility needs you may have so we can accommodate them in our planning.

Payment Information

The registration fee (subsidized by the generosity of the UUA Annual Program Fund) for Thrive Youth is \$325.

We are dedicated to ensuring access to our program is as equitable as possible. The unsubsidized cost per participant of Thrive Youth is \$600.

This fee of \$325 only goes toward the direct costs for housing, food, in-program transportation, and program leadership and supervision. Because we have a commitment to keeping our programs as affordable as possible our fees do not provide a profit, fund other programs, or pay in-house staff. All participants are encouraged to apply for matching [UUA Leadership Development Grants](#) and seek sponsorship by their congregations.

Through the generosity of our donors, some need based financial assistance is available in the form of a reduced fee. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the site of Thrive Youth. Travel subsidies are available.

Would you like to apply for a reduced fee? *

- No - I will pay \$325
- Yes

Would you like to apply for a travel subsidy? *

- No - I will cover my travel to and from the Thrive Youth location
- Yes

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries tries to offer financial aid as much as possible. Would you consider donating? Your pledge will help support the scholarship costs of participants who qualify for financial aid. *



Yes

No

Donation Amounts

\$50

\$100

\$200

Other