

# Are You the Next General Assembly Youth Caucus Dean?

Serve your faith and the General Assembly Youth Community in a two-year position (GA 2018/2019) leading the Youth Caucus Staff.

## Position Description

Youth Caucus Deans are the leaders of the volunteer Youth Caucus Staff. They work with the Youth Caucus Staff to fulfill the purpose of Youth Caucus, which is to galvanize the youth of our movement by deepening our collective Unitarian Universalist spirituality and helping youth make an impact on our association through General Assembly.

The Deans choose and coordinate programming, select additional staff, facilitate meetings, collaborate with adult leaders across the Association and make Youth Caucus the best it can be. Youth Caucus is a great opportunity for youth from across the country to meet, learn, and have fun together.

All expenses, including travel, meals, housing and registration at all meetings, including GA 2018 and GA 2019, are paid for by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Responsibilities include:

- Planning for and attendance at General Assembly 2018 in Kansas City, MO (June 20-24) and 2019 in Spokane, WA (June 19-23)
- Attendance at planning meetings in Boston in Fall 2017 and 2018
- Attendance at pre-site meetings in General Assembly cities in Spring 2018 and 2019
- Planning meetings by phone
- Meeting facilitation and event planning

## Application Requirements

Applicants must be high school students (grades 9-12 or the equivalent for home-schooled youth) for both years of their term, i.e.: for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

Previous attendance at a General Assembly is strongly recommended.

Experience with multigenerational leadership teams is highly desired.

## To Apply

Submit a completed application as detailed below. The application includes responses to written questions and an optional video, as well as contact information for two references. Letters of recommendation are not required.

**Applications are due by 5:00PM (EDT) August 10, 2017**

**For more information, please contact the Youth Ministry Associate of the UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at [youthcaucus@uua.org](mailto:youthcaucus@uua.org).**



At the top of your application please include the following information:

## Personal Info

Full Name	Birth Date
Preferred Name	Year in School for 2017-2018
Mailing Address (including city, state, and zip)	Congregation and District/Region
Phone Number	Identities you claim (gender, race/ethnicity, orientation, ability, etc.)
Email Address	Preferred pronouns

Please submit contact information for two references. One reference should be an adult and the other a youth. At least one of your references should be a Unitarian Universalist. Include their full name, phone number, email address and their relationship to you (minister, religious educator, youth group member, classmate, etc.).

## References

Provide written responses to the following questions.

## Written Questions

1. Why do you want to apply for this position? What skills and experience do you have in leading large groups of youth and adults?
2. In what ways have you been involved in Unitarian Universalism? This could be congregationally, in your district or region, nationally, as part of a camp, leadership opportunities, etc.
3. Describe a situation where you had to work with a team. What went well? What could you have changed or done differently?
4. Tell us about a stressful experience. What did you do to handle that stress?
5. Do you have any experience in participating in trainings about anti-racism, anti-oppression, intercultural competence or dismantling white supremacy? If so, please describe what those concepts mean to you and something you learned from the training. If not, what is your understanding of diversity and working to end oppression?
6. Describe your vision for youth participation at General Assembly and your vision for Youth Caucus 2018/19. Please include why you think youth participation is important.
7. Describe a positive experience you've had at General Assembly. If you've never attended GA, please share an experience from another large gathering of UUs.

Personal Submission

## Video or Personal Statement

The 2018/2019 Dean Selection Team wants to get to know you personally. You are invited to send a video as part of your application. If you do not have the ability to film and post video, you are invited to send a personal statement or other creative expression instead. Upload the video to the host of your choice (YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, etc.) and send us the link.

Be sure to check your security settings so that it isn't publicly viewable to people without the link. Your video will only be watched by the Selection Team.

1. Begin with your name and congregation.
2. Share some things about yourself. Below are some questions you can choose to answer. Please keep your video under three minutes or personal statement under one page.
  - a. Why is Unitarian Universalism meaningful to you? What impact has it had on your life?
  - b. What makes you uniquely you? What are you really good at? What do you want to get better at?
  - c. Share three random facts about yourself.
  - d. If you could have any color dinosaur, what would it be and why?
  - e. What do you want to make sure we know about you, your experience, your passions, etc.?

## Submission

Submit your application by **August 10, 2017** to [youthcaucus@uua.org](mailto:youthcaucus@uua.org) as a .doc or .pdf attachment. Please also provide a link to the video in both the body of your email and in the text attachment. If you are having difficulty submitting your application in this way, please call 617-948-4352 or email for assistance/alternative arrangements.