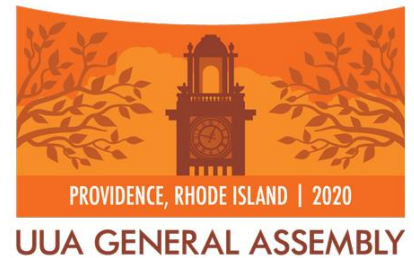


# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## YOUTH REGISTRATION



### Youth Registration for General Assembly (GA)

Youth registration is open to all GA attendees who are high school aged. Youth registration requires all registrants to follow the GA Youth Registrant Rules & Behavioral Expectations (Form 1 of 3), and obtain an adult sponsor. If you were in grades 9-12 or being home-schooled at the equivalent during the year preceding GA (2019-2020 school year), then you are considered a youth and may register as such.

Fourteen-year-olds who have not yet entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade (or the equivalent for home-schooled youth) may attend GA events with a registered parent or guardian (separate no-cost registration required) or enroll in the Middle School Program. Fourteen-year-olds who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade (or the equivalent) should register as youth.

Attendees who are eighteen or older and still in high school (or the equivalent) have the option of registering as adults and forgoing the lower youth registration rate and sponsor requirement OR registering as youth which requires having a sponsor. Eighteen-year-olds who register as adults are expected to behave as adults, not as peers to youth. Regardless of whether an 18-year-old registers as a youth or adult, they are welcome to participate in GA Youth programming and/or Young Adults@GA (YA@GA) programming, including bridging in the Synergy bridging service.

If you have questions about whether or not you should register as an adult or youth, contact the UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement at [youth@uaa.org](mailto:youth@uaa.org) or (617) 948-4355.

### Youth at General Assembly

"GA Youth" refers to programming at General Assembly designed specifically for youth. GA Youth includes workshops, meetings to discuss GA business, networking and other social opportunities, and worship. Youth are also welcome and encouraged to take part in the wider GA programming, including workshops, general sessions, public witness and worship. All who register as youth are required to attend the youth/sponsor orientation, however youth registrants are not required to attend any GA Youth programming after the youth/sponsor orientation.

GA Youth is run by a volunteer team of youth and adults and supported by the UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement. Learn more about GA Youth at: [www.uaa.org/gayouth](http://www.uaa.org/gayouth)

While we do our very best to provide the safest possible environment for General Assembly, the UUA cannot be held responsible for any medical emergencies that occur during the conference.

### Youth Supervision at General Assembly

Each youth registrant who attends GA must have a GA-registered adult sponsor, aged 25 or older, who is responsible for the youth's supervision and well-being. GA Youth staff is responsible for youth programming and support, but not supervision. Sponsors may sponsor no more than three youth total.

However, when someone breaks the Youth Registrant Rules & Behavioral Expectations, action will be taken and possible responses are:

- a committee of GA Youth staff and UUA professional staff is called together to interview what happened;
- impact or harm to the community is assessed;
- the committee, the youth, and/or their sponsor work together to restore broken trust.
- some violations may result in the youth being sent home at their own expense and being prohibited from attending future UUA events; in such an occurrence, the sponsor is responsible for getting the youth home safely.

### To Complete GA Youth Registration:

**Each youth registrant must submit:**

- Online registration at [www.uaa.org/ga/registration](http://www.uaa.org/ga/registration)
- Full payment of registration
- Signed GA Youth Registrant Rules & Behavioral Expectations (Form 1 of 3)
- Parent Permission (Form 2 of 3)
- Adult Sponsor Agreement (Form 3 of 3)

Eighteen-year-olds registering as adults should visit [www.uaa.org/ga/registration](http://www.uaa.org/ga/registration) to register and submit full payment.

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## General Assembly 2020 Youth Form 1 OF 3

### GA YOUTH REGISTRANT RULES & BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Print youth name here:

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I am attending the 2020 General Assembly (GA) in Providence, RI.

I understand my behavior at GA will affect the whole GA community.

**While attending GA, I agree to follow these rules:**

- **No violence, weapons, or dangerous items** – This includes physical violence, verbal threats or harassment, or possession of weapons or explosives such as fireworks.
- **Respect property/No vandalism** – respect local facilities and the community's possessions, and no theft.
- **No drugs, alcohol, cannabis, or illegal substances** – or using any medication not as prescribed.
- **No smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco products.**
- **No bullying and/or harassment based on actual or perceived characteristics**, including race, color, religion, national origin, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, homelessness, academic status, physical appearance, disability, or on other protected classes.
- **No sexualized conduct, sexual harassment, or sexual activity**, including open mouth and/or prolonged kissing. In general, any touch meant to arouse. Includes sharing sexually explicit material such as pictures, videos, apps or games.
- **No unwanted, uninvited touch** – only a clearly expressed "yes" means yes – e.g. ask before hugging.

**I understand that:**

In addition to the rules stated above I will be invited to co-create and abide by a covenant of care, respect and accountability at General Assembly with other youth participants.

The UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement does not provide adult supervision for youth during the week of GA and therefore I will work out a system of communication for the week of GA that is satisfying to my parent/guardian, my sponsor, and me (and my trip organizer if coming with a group).

GA is not a youth conference, which means that: youth are responsible for managing their own time; youth are not required to stay on site; sponsors act as legal guardians for youth under 18.

Any harassment regarding race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or disability will not be tolerated. Such harassment includes unsolicited remarks, gestures or physical contact, display or circulation of written materials or derogatory pictures directed at any of these categories. In addition, sexual advances, jokes, explicit or offensive pictures, requests for sexual favors, sext-ing, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment.

If any rule violation occurs an 'energy' committee of GA Youth staff, UUA staff, my sponsor, my parent(s)/guardian(s) and myself may be called together to decide the consequences for my actions.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the above rules and expectations. I agree to abide by these guidelines for the duration of 2020 General Assembly. I understand that if I break this agreement, the 'energy' Committee reserves the right to take action, which may include removing me from GA Youth programming or GA at my own expense, and prohibiting me from attending future national youth events.

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Youth Signature

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Today's Date

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General Assembly 2020 Youth Form 2 OF 3  
PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

Print youth name here:

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**PLEASE PRINT**

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/legal guardian), give my permission

for \_\_\_\_\_ (youth) to attend GA 2020 in Providence, RI.

2. I understand that General Assembly is not a youth conference. GA Youth staff is responsible for youth programming and community support at GA, but not supervision. Youth sponsors are solely responsible for providing adult supervision of the youth while at GA. Each youth's health, well-being, safety and good behavior are the responsibility of the youth's sponsor.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (sponsor) will serve as the sponsor for my youth, and has my permission to do so. *[If the youth's parent/guardian is serving as sponsor, write that parent/guardian name here.]*

4. I acknowledge that General Assembly is a highly photographed event and that any photos, audio recording or video taken of my youth at General Assembly, or any materials submitted by my youth to the UUA, become property of the UUA and may be used in UUA materials. If you have questions or concerns about your youth appearing in photos or videos, please contact [youth@uua.org](mailto:youth@uua.org) prior to GA.

5. In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at:

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The Undersigned, on their own behalf, and on behalf of their minor child/ward, does hereby RELEASE, discharge and covenant to hold harmless the Unitarian Universalist Association, its officers, employees and volunteers, from any and all claims, causes of action, and liability of any kind or nature, including personal injuries or death, in any way arising out of, directly or indirectly, the child's/ward's attendance or participation at General Assembly.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Today's Date

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This form must be submitted to the UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement by one of the following:

- fax to (617) 948-6473;
- send regular mail to Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement, UUA, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210-1409;

If you cannot submit forms by Monday, June 1st, please contact UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement at (617) 948-4355 or [youth@uuu.org](mailto:youth@uuu.org).



# General Assembly 2020 Youth Form 3 OF 3 ADULT SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT

Print youth name here:

***This must be agreed to by all three parties: the youth attendee, their parent/legal guardian, and their adult sponsor.***

General Assembly is not a youth conference. GA Youth staff is responsible for youth programming and community support at GA, but not supervision. Youth sponsors are solely responsible for providing adult supervision of the youth while at GA. Each youth's health, well-being, safety and good behavior are the responsibility of the youth's sponsor. It is important for parents, youth and their sponsors to know and understand the expectations related to youth sponsorship. The UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement asks that youth, parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and sponsor have a meeting together, read this document and sign it together.

\_\_\_\_\_ (sponsor), is registered for the 2020 UUA General Assembly in Providence, RI and will sponsor  
\_\_\_\_\_ (youth).

We, the undersigned, confirm that:

- The sponsor is 25 years old or older.
- The sponsor is given full responsibility for the health and well-being of the sponsored youth.
- The sponsor is not sponsoring more than a total of three youth at GA 2020.
- We understand that youth and sponsor are required to be in the same housing at GA unless the youth is staying with a parent/legal guardian.
- We understand that GA is not a youth conference and that the sponsor is solely responsible for the youth's supervision.
- The sponsor will attend a required training as part of orientation.
- The sponsor will refrain from all behaviors at GA with youth, in view of youth, and online, both verbal and physical, that are in any way erotic, seductive or sexual in nature.
- We have read and understood the GA Youth Participant Rules and Behavioral Expectations and have discussed expected behavior at GA and consequences for the youth's actions.
- We understand that the Participant Rules and Behavioral Expectations prohibits youth from consuming alcohol, smoking, vaping, using tobacco products and other drugs and that sponsors of youth will also model this behavior for their sponsored youth. Sponsors are prohibited from consuming intoxicating or impairing substances at GA.
- We will work out a system of communication between youth and sponsor during GA that is mutually satisfying to the youth, sponsor and parent(s)/guardian(s).
- We understand that if the youth is asked to leave GA due to a rule violation then the sponsor will arrange for the youth's safe travel home at the youth/parent's expense.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

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Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Phone

***Providing the lodging location is mandatory, so do not complete this form until you have this information.***

**At GA, both Sponsor and Youth will be staying at:**

(Provide either: name of hotel; address if apartment or home-stay; if youth is staying with parent/guardian, provide both locations.)

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***Providing these phone numbers is mandatory and cell-phones are encouraged; if no cell-phone, use the phone number at the individual's lodging.***

Youth Phone while at GA:

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I give my permission to the UUA to add my phone number to a mobile alert system used only during GA by GA Youth staff to announce location changes, promote an upcoming event, emergencies, schedule adjustments, etc.

Sponsor Phone while at GA:

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