

National Trans Youth Council 2020 Application Text PDF

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Do you want to join the team of young transgender and nonbinary organizers challenging media narratives of our people? Do you want to deepen your organizing and campaign skills, develop your leadership and put this into practice? Do you want to share your own story and support other trans youth in sharing theirs?

[Apply for a paid \(\\$100/month\) trans youth council position on our TRUTH council!](#)

The TRUTH (Trans Youth) Program is a media-based organizing and leadership development program of Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network and Transgender Law Center. TRUTH was established in 2015 and supports the National Trans Youth Council.

The National Trans Youth Council is an opportunity to:

1. Build community with other trans and nonbinary young people nationwide, through team projects and in-person gatherings
2. Learn in-depth skills and knowledge about the power of media in organizing and practice using trainings to expand capacity
3. Craft and share your story in order to challenge common narratives about what it means to be young and trans, while supporting other trans youth sharing theirs

Our team welcomes all young, transgender and non-binary activists from ages 12-22 to apply for open council positions. We will prioritize applications from communities who are historically unrepresented, including but not limited to: Black people, Indigenous people, non-Black people of color, women, non-binary fem people, high school students, formerly-incarcerated people, system-impacted people, and former foster youth. who are committed to bringing change for transgender communities across the nation!

The National Trans Youth Council is a two-year leadership development program, requiring a two-year commitment. The program requires members to have capacity for 5-8 hours per month to attend council calls and to support team campaigns and projects. The council is convened on a monthly basis during "All Council" calls that will be used for team updates and media trainings. Council members can also look forward to project-based online meetings and planning (as a team) TRUTH's annual day of action: GSA Day 4 Gender Justice, each November.

The council requires members to attend four in-person gatherings throughout the calendar year; all costs for travel, housing and food are paid for by GSA/TLC.

Note the dates of 2020 In-person Gatherings:

Gathering	Attending	Dates to Hold
National TRUTH Council Kickoff!	All members	March 13-15, 2020
Regional Gathering(s)	Southeast members	April 24-26, 2020
	Midwest/Northeast members	May 22-24, 2020
	West/Southwest members	June 5-7, 2020
National Gathering	All members	July 26-31, 2020
Year-end Gathering	All members	September 18-20, 2020

Region breakdown: Western (AK, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY), Southwestern (AZ, NM, OK, TX), Midwestern (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI), Southern (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV, Northeastern (CT, DC, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT).

We think of our council as an opportunity to grow as leaders and build our capacity to lead the movement for transgender liberation. Because this opportunity is only offered to 20 young organizers per year, we ask for your commitment in showing up as a member, both during in-person gatherings as well as the online team calls and projects.

If you would like to know more about our work with past councils, visit our website ourtranstruth.org and follow our program's Instagram, Twitter and Facebook via [@ourtranstruth!](https://www.instagram.com/ourtranstruth)

We are excited to welcome in a new cohort of young trans and nonbinary leaders! Questions should be emailed to truth@gsanetwork.org.

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Trans Youth Justice Organizer, TRUTH Program

CONTACT INFORMATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

Your name*

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We want to match a name to a face and see you! Please share a recent photo of yourself so we can attach to this application.

Social media @

Email*

Phone number*

City, State*

Date of Birth*

Region*

- Western (AK, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY)
- Southwestern (AZ, NM, OK, TX)
- Midwestern (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI)
- Southern (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)
- Northeastern (CT, DC, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)
- Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa

School campus

High school graduation year

Community-based Organization Name

Gender(s)*

- Agender
- Genderqueer
- Nonbinary
- Trans feminine
- Trans man
- Trans masculine
- Trans woman
- Other

If we didn't capture your identity, please explain

Sexuality(ies)*

- Asexual/ACE
- Bisexual
- Lesbian/Gay
- Pansexual
- Queer
- Straight
- Other

If we didn't capture if your identity, please explain

Race/ethnicity(ies)

Estimated Total Family Income

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- Over \$100,000

TRAVEL ATTENDANCE

Please confirm you are able to attend each in-person gathering by clicking the option below.*

- ALL: Council Kickoff Gathering: March 13-15, 2020
- SOUTH ONLY: Southern Regional Gathering: April 24-26, 2020
- MIDWEST + NORTHEAST ONLY: MW/NE Regional Gathering: May 22-24, 2020
- WEST + SOUTHWEST ONLY: W/SW Regional Gathering: June 5-7, 2020
- ALL: National Gathering: July 26-31, 2020
- ALL: Final Gathering: September 18-20, 2020

It is expected of council members to attend to the best of their ability, every in-person gathering. Each gathering is fully funded by GSAN/TLC including travel, housing and food. Spending money (shopping, etc) is the responsibility of council members.

TRUTH NINE-POINT PLATFORM

Have you been able to read the TRUTH Nine-Point Platform?*

- Yes
- No (but I will so I can answer the next questions!)

The 2018 TRUTH Council drafted and adopted the TRUTH Nine-Point Platform that outlines the calls to action they felt were central to an intersectional movement for liberation. The nine points will serve as TRUTH's guiding document and work plan for years to come; each year, the council's center focus will be one point from the platforms. You can read the text (as well the platform appendix) here: <https://tinyurl.com/TRUTHPlatform>

Which 1-2 points are the most impact you? Explain why.*

Do any of the points cause concern or hesitation for you? Explain why.*

RESPONSE QUESTIONS

What is your story?*

Our program believes that storytelling is a form of activism that can shift common narratives about our people and work to push us toward liberation. Throughout your time with the program, our goal is to support you in crafting your story, becoming comfortable and confident in sharing your experiences, and ultimately, becoming a skilled and experienced media-based advocate to help shift the common narrative of our community.

This application is step 1 of that journey; complete this application by sharing a short glimpse of your life story. When writing, consider focusing on key pieces of who you are and experiences that have shaped the person you are today and/or the person you are becoming.

Within your response, answer three questions:

(1) Who are you?

(2) Why is it important to uplift youth voices in gender justice?

(3) Based on your experiences in either family, school, or community, what are some of the greatest challenges facing trans and nonbinary youth in your state and how have you participated in fighting these challenges?

You may submit 1 page of writing/storytelling, which should be 400-600 words or a 3-5 minute video response. Applications are not weighted differently depending on the method of response.

If you are submitting your story written, please paste your one-page response in this box below.

If you are submitting a video, write "Video submission." in the box below and email the video file separately to truth@gsanetwork.org.

Please list all the time commitments you have or will have at home, school, work, community this year and approximate hours spent in each activity each week.*