



Application for the Youth Panel on Climate Change

About the Youth Panel

Climate change is impacting Yukon's environment and communities. Young people in Yukon understand that their future will be affected by the decisions we make today, and are stepping up to take action and have their voices heard.

Our Clean Future: A Yukon strategy for climate change, energy and a green economy recognizes that young people have an important role to play in building a healthy and prosperous Yukon for years to come. The Government of Yukon is interested in hearing the advice and perspectives of young people, and is establishing a Youth Panel on Climate Change to inform meaningful action.

Yukon youth, ages 12 to 25, are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is October 20, 2020

As a member of the youth panel on climate change, you will have the opportunity to:

- participate in activities that build leadership and life skills, and education related to climate change issues across the Yukon;
- engage with young people across Yukon on issues related to climate change, energy and a green economy;
- communicate young people's perspectives on climate change action in the Yukon;
- provide advice and perspectives to the Government of Yukon on issues related to *Our Clean Future: A Yukon strategy for climate change, energy and a green economy*;
- support youth across Yukon to learn about climate change; and
- empower youth across Yukon to take meaningful action related to climate change issues.

Selection criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be between the ages of 12 and 25 at the time of submitting an application;
- be enrolled in a Yukon school, or be a Yukon resident attending a college or university outside the Yukon, or have lived in the Yukon for at least one year;
- not be employed by the Government of Yukon in a position with direct responsibilities related to *Our Clean Future: a Yukon strategy for climate change, energy and a green economy*; and
- be able to attend monthly virtual meetings and three in-person meetings per year.

Selected panel members will reflect the diversity of Yukon youth, and will have a keen interest in supporting others to learn about climate change and take meaningful action.

Selected panel members will be expected to serve a one-year term, participate in monthly virtual meetings and attend three in-person retreats per year.

Honoraria will be provided for meetings. Transportation, accommodation and food will be provided for in-person meetings.

Experience mentoring younger youth will be considered an asset for applicants ages 18 to 25.

Applicants 17 years of age and under at the time of submitting their application must obtain written permission from their parent or guardian.

Prospective successful applicants 18 years of age and over must complete a Vulnerable Sector Check.

Deadline to apply: October 20, 2020

How to submit an application:

- complete the following application form and submit it with a letter summarizing what interests you about being a panel member, and what you would hope to achieve (maximum 250 words).
- submit applications by email to youthclimate@gov.yk.ca.
- if you have any questions or would like assistance in completing your application, contact BYTE – Empowering Youth at info@yukonyouth.com or phone 867-667-7975.

Screening questions:

Name:

Pronoun (he/him, she/her, they/them, xe/xem, or other preferred):

Address:

Email:

Phone number:

Best way to reach you (email or phone number):

Age:

If you are under the age of 18, you must submit written permission from your guardian.

Are you enrolled in a Yukon school OR have lived in the Yukon for at least one year OR are a Yukon resident attending a college or university outside the territory? Yes No

Are you employed by the Government of Yukon in a position with direct responsibilities related to *Our Clean Future: a Yukon strategy for climate change, energy and a green economy*? Yes No

Do you have any passions, hobbies, community involvements, interests, education, etc. that you would like to be considered (optional)? Yes No

Would you like to self-identify as an Indigenous person (optional)? Yes No

Would you like to self-identify as belonging to a particular social, cultural or other community (optional)? Yes No

In 250 words or less, what interests you about being a panel member? For example, you could describe what you hope to achieve by being a panel member, how being a panel member would contribute to your future goals, or what activities you would like to do as a panel member.