Dear Prospective Applicant,

*As a teen living in a rural electric cooperative service territory who exhibits promising leadership skills and a concern for your community, we believe you would be an ideal candidate to apply for FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council (YPC)!*

*Read the information from FEMA below and decide if this is an opportunity you’re interested in pursuing. If so, please kick off your application process by emailing NRECA’s Youth Programs & Training Manager, Beth Knudson, to let her know:* [*beth.knudson@nreca.coop*](mailto:beth.knudson@nreca.coop) *. We are eager to see youth from rural America represented on this council and will be happy to assist in your application process.*

**How Does the YPC Work?**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is committed to actively involving students like you in preparedness- related activities through the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC).

YPC members meet with FEMA leadership throughout their term to develop strategies, initiatives, and projects that aim to promote preparedness in communities. Also, YPC members attend the annual YPC Summit, where they interact with FEMA representatives and elected officials and drive emergency preparedness projects. Please note, the 2021 YPC Summit will be conducted virtually.

Apply to join the YPC for a two-year term, in which members take on projects on both a local and national level, to make a difference in their communities.

**Why Should You Apply?**

The YPC provides an opportunity for you to make a difference in your community and build invaluable experiences to prepare you for college and beyond. It would also look great on a college application!

If you are ready to collaborate with peers and improve your leadership and project management skills, apply today!

**How do I Apply?**

- The YPC application period is currently open and closes on March 7, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. PST.   
- Students in grades 8 through 11 are eligible to apply.   
- To learn more about the YPC and application requirements, visit our [website](https://www.ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council).   
And click the following link to [apply](https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/apply-to-ypc)!

*Does this sound like a challenge you would enjoy? Apply today!*

*And be sure to email Beth prior to sending your application.*

*Remember –* [*NRECA,*](https://www.electric.coop/) *the association representing your local rural electric cooperative, is here to help!*

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