



# Fellowship Application Guide

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# Who Are We?

The Resilience Youth Network's mission is to develop the next generation of climate resilience leaders by connecting young people with resources, peer and professional networks, and opportunities for action in ways that advance a sustainable, safe, and equitable future.

## Our 4 pillars are...

### 1 Education

RYN aims to create opportunities for members to learn about climate resilience in the public and private sectors, develop new skills through technical workshops, and engage with experts.

### 2 Equity

We work to uplift underrepresented groups in climate resilience through leadership, projects, and advocacy.

### 3 Engagement

We teach members how to advocate for climate resilience action and support their involvement with collaborations on design projects and competitions.

### 4 Employment

We help our members develop their careers in impact-oriented resilience fields.



# The Fellowship

- The Resilience Youth Network Fellowship is a nine-month virtual program that teaches motivated young individuals aged 16 to 22 how to be climate resilience advocates.
- The program will be conducted primarily through biweekly Zoom webinars. Webinars are a mixture of lecture, discussion, and active learning (activities).
- Most webinars will have recommended readings which will be provided by RYN.
- The Fellowship content has been designed to be accessible to individuals with non-technical backgrounds.

# The Fellowship Has 3 Components:

## Climate Change Basics



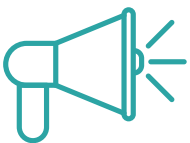
Fellows will learn about the basic mechanics of climate change and how climate change is affecting their communities. Subtopics include sea-level rise, flooding, wildfire, extreme heat, and social impacts of climate change.

## Climate Resilience Solutions



Fellows will learn about climate resilience and dive into the solutions. Resilience concepts and solutions to be covered include, but are not limited to, policies, building codes and ordinances, nature-based solutions, and market mechanisms.

## Advocating For Climate Resilience



Fellows will learn how to convey their knowledge of climate change and resilience solutions to their communities and elected officials to advocate for change. Fellows will learn how to identify and engage with their representatives, how to use the media, and the basics of organizing.



# Why Become A Fellow?

- Understand and discuss climate issues facing your community.
- Learn to apply climate change adaptation and resilience solutions to your community.
- Explain and identify how climate change increases inequity and affects social issues.
- Influence your elected officials on climate resilience issues.
- Utilize the media to increase awareness and knowledge of climate resilience issues and solutions.
- Organize individuals and groups in your communities to advocate for climate resilience solutions.
- Tell your stories as they relate to climate change.





# Selection Criteria

- Individuals between the ages of 16 and 22 are encouraged to apply.
- Passion for addressing the effects of climate change.
- Ability to commit 2-3 hours per week for the 9-month program and join biweekly webinars.

# Conduct

- Fellows will treat others with respect and dignity.
- The Fellowship is a space for all voices with no room for any form of oppression (including, but not limited to, racism, homophobia, sexism, classism, religious discrimination, and xenophobia).
- Anyone who breaks these may be asked to leave the Fellowship.



# FAQ

## **Who is teaching the webinars?**

All webinars are taught by either RYN board members or RYN partners, all of whom are experts in their fields.

## **How technical is the content? I don't want to do math.**

Topics are presented at a conceptual, introductory level. So don't worry; you won't have to do math problems.

## **Do I need any experience to be in the Fellowship?**

No experience is required. We recognize that applicants come from diverse backgrounds and have different skills, and we take that into consideration when reviewing applications.

## **Do I need a background in engineering, planning, or climate science?**

No, you don't need a technical background to participate in the Fellowship. The topics and content are presented with the intention of making climate science and resilience accessible. We believe that anyone, not just those from technical backgrounds, can play an important role in making communities resilient to the effects of climate change.

## **I am interested in the Fellowship but I am outside of the age guidelines (below 16 or above 22). Can I still apply?**

Yes, you can apply to the Fellowship. The age range was selected for the age groups that we believe this program would have the greatest impact on. If you think you would benefit from the Fellowship, we encourage you to apply!

## **What is the application process like?**

The application is a Google Form and has 3 sections: personal information, education information, and a short answer section. Upon completion of the application, we will reach out to candidates and schedule a short (15-minute) interview. Candidates will be notified about their application status within 2 weeks of their interview.

## **How much does this cost?**

The Fellowship is a free program. We want this program to be accessible to anyone, regardless of financial situation.



# Apply now!

Click [here](#) to apply to  
The Resilience Youth  
Network Fellowship  
Program

## Questions?

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