

## Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Forum overview

The Youth Forum ensures the voice of girls and youth members is provided to the Provincial Council on matters such as programming, event, operational and membership growth plans. This is done through the Youth Forum Coordinator who is an elected adult member of Provincial Council and coordinator of the Provincial Youth Forum, and is the liaison between the two.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Forum consists of six youth members selected yearly from qualified applicants. Their collective goal is to provide a link between girls and youth members and the Provincial Council. They do so through organizing provincial service projects and province-wide events, and broadcasting youth member successes through social media and publications. Successful applicants should be willing to work as a team, be goal oriented, efficient workers and dedicated to planning opportunities for girls and youth members.

The Youth Forum term of service is two years; the first by successful selection through the application process, and the second through agreement between members of the Youth Forum. Depending on geographical distance the Youth Forum will meet in person at least once yearly. Other contacts will take place through social media and Skype. Successful applicants will be expected to make every effort to participate in meetings and in the duties of the position.

### Youth Forum Roles

**Youth Chair** - assumes overall responsibility for the group and assists the Youth Forum Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator with any tasks necessary. The Youth Chair coordinates when the Youth Forum will meet between the members of the Youth Forum and helps organize any in person meetings.

The successful applicant should be organized, confident in their ability to lead, fair, and willing and able to delegate and follow up on tasks.

**Youth Deputy Chair** - assists the Youth Chair with any necessary tasks, hosts meetings in the absence of the Youth Chair, as well as organizing submissions to the weekly Guidepost newsletter for Guiders and Rangers, and Inside Guiding newsletter to families as needed.

To be successful in this position you should be organized, proficient in leading others, and be a clear and concise writer.



**Secretary** - responsible for taking minutes at meetings held by the Youth Forum and distributing them to the other members in a timely manner, as well as assisting in any other necessary tasks. They are also responsible for assigning a member of the Youth Forum to attend Provincial Council meetings, when needed.

To be successful in this position you should be organized, detail oriented, a clear and concise writer, and able to respect deadlines, and delegate tasks when needed.

**Special Events and Social Media Coordinator** - this position will be responsible for organizing special events and activities on behalf of the Youth Forum, as well as keeping our social media up to date, in addition to any other duties as necessary.

The successful applicant should be organized, a good communicator and skilled on various social media platforms.

**Bridging Member/Link Liaison** – responsible for keeping communication open between the Youth Forum and any Bridging Members/Link Members in the province to aid them in staying connected to activities and helping them with questions they may have about their place in Guiding, as well any other duties as necessary.

The successful applicant should be organized, willing to seek answers, and a dependable communicator. The position is typically held by a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year Ranger or a Bridging member.

**Pathfinder Liaison** - responsible for keeping communication open between the Youth Forum and Pathfinders so that current Pathfinders remain interested in the program and stay in Guiding through Rangers.

To be successful in this position you should be organized, have good communication skills, and be motivated to promote retention of Pathfinders into Rangers. The position is typically held by a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Pathfinder or 1<sup>st</sup> year Ranger.

## How to Apply

Youth must complete the online application form. This includes an essay question asking the youth to outline the influence Guiding has had on them, and the influence they hope to have on Guiding. The applicant will provide two non-related references, one from within Guiding (e.g. unit Guider) and the other from outside Guiding (e.g. teacher, coach). Applicants should send their referees the link to the online reference form.

