

# 2010 -2011 Youth Council Applications & Re-Application

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- Must submit two indicated recommendation letters in sealed envelopes with the application

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## **Application Procedure:**

If you are interested in applying to the New Hope Presbytery Youth Council please complete the application. Ask your pastor or elder of your church, and your youth leader to complete a recommendation and place in a sealed, signed envelope and return it to you. The completed application, both recommendations, and a recent photo should be mailed as a packet to:

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Attn: René Baker  
2309 Sunset Ave.  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804**

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### **Contact Information:**

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# Youth Council Application

## *The Presbytery of New Hope*

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I understand that upon breaking this covenant my parents will be responsible for my immediate return from a Youth Council event. I have read the above responsibilities and covenant and agree to abide by these guidelines if selected to serve on Youth Council.

**Applicants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Council Application**  
*The Presbytery of New Hope*

**Applicant Information:**

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year in School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred name: (What should we call you?)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete mailing address: Street** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apt, etc** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/Town** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred mode of contact:**

**Home Phone**  **Cell Phone**  **Email**

**Preferred time for phone call:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of church representing (with town/city):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Confirmation date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendations by:**

**Name of Youth Leader/Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Minister/Elder:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Questions:**

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. We are just hoping to get a “snapshot” of you. Think of it as an interview. When answering these questions, feel free to discuss them with your parents, pastor, advisors, or any member of the Youth Committee.

- What is your understanding of the purpose of the Youth Council?
- What led you to apply to be a member of the Youth Council, and how did your faith impact this decision?
- This is a position of service. How do you serve your family, church, friends, school and community?
- How do you spend your time? What are your other commitments of time and responsibility? How do you spend your free time? How do you plan to balance Youth Council with everything else?

**Applicant’s Agreement:**

**In signing below, I affirm that I will abide by the Youth Council Covenant and give priority to the Youth Council responsibilities that come with the duties of the Presbytery of New Hope Youth Council. I realize that failure to do so may result in removal from Youth Council.**

**Youth Council Applicant’s signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant’s Parent/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form to: Youth Committee, Presbytery of New Hope, 2308 Sunset Ave. Rocky Mount, NC 27804**

**Youth Council Recommendation**  
*The Presbytery of New Hope*

**Youth Leader/Director – Reference**

**General Information:**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church representing (with town/city): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leader/Director's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing address: (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

(Apt, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

(City/Town) \_\_\_\_\_

(ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mode of contact: Home  Work  Cell

Preferred time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation Questions:**

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- Do you have any reservations about this Applicant serving as a leader for the Presbytery of New Hope Youth Ministry? If so, please describe.

**Youth Leader/Director's Agreement:**

In signing below, I affirm my responses to this recommendation and will accept this Youth Council Applicant's role as a representative of this church, if selected. I will strive in every way to stay in contact with this Youth Council Applicant, helping them continue to grow in faith and maintain their responsibility as a representative to the Presbytery of New Hope.

Youth Leader/Director's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed form to the Applicant in a sealed envelope.**

**Youth Council Recommendation**  
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Name of church representing (with town/city): \_\_\_\_\_

Minister/Elder's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Youth Council Reapplication***  
***The Presbytery of New Hope***

Please complete and return form to the Youth Committee by March 27, 2010. Completed applications should be mailed to:

**Rene Baker**

**2309 Sunset Avenue**

**Rocky Mount, NC 27804**

**Update of Youth Council Information:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name: (What would you liked to be called?) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing address:

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Apt, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (include area code) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: (include area code) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mode of contact: Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time for phone call: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reapplication Questions:**

Please answer the following questions based on your participation in YC this past year.

1. What did you like most about YC?

2. How could YC be improved?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What do you think is the most important function of YC?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How has participation on the YC affected your faith and your relationship with God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Have you missed any Youth Council trainings or retreats? If so, please explain why.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Why would like to continue serving on YC?

**Youth Commitment:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Presbytery of New Hope*

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**Church Member Agreement:**

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Date:

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