

APPLICATION: Youth Climate Leadership Program (Fall 2024)

Join the first Vancouver Youth Climate Leaders Cohort!

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be 14-18 years old by September 24, 2024. The program is intended for high school students. If you are older or younger, your application will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants must live in or attend school within the Vancouver city limits or urban growth area.

Participant selection:

We aim to cultivate a cohort that has a diverse racial, ethnic, gender, and income makeup, with a range of climate interests and experiences. The program will center the experiences of historically marginalized communities through a climate justice lens. Young people most directly impacted by climate change will be prioritized for this opportunity.

Applicants will be individually evaluated based on (1) completeness and effort put into application responses, (2) ability to commit to attending workshops and field trips, and (3) demonstrated interest in climate action or community impact.

Deadlines:

All applications must be submitted by Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 9pm PDT.

All applicants will be notified of their selection status by Friday, August 30, 2024.

Participants must accept their spot in the program by September 10, 2024.

The Cohort's first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Questions:

Contact Stacey Dalgaard at stacey.dalgaard@cityofvancouver.us or 360-947-6503.

**IMPORTANT: THIS PDF IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY.
Applications must be submitted via the online form at
www.cityofvancouver.us/yclp.**

* Required

Contact Information

1. Full name *

2. Pronouns (Optional)

3. Phone number *

4. Email address *

5. What is your preferred mode of communication? *

- Email
- Text
- Phone call
- Other

6. Date of Birth (include month, date, and year) *

7. Grade level/year in school for the 2024-25 school year *

8. What school will you attend in Fall 2024? *

9. Do you live or go to school in Vancouver city limits or the urban growth area? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

10. Home ZIP code *

Parent/Guardian Information

Our expectation is that youth participants in the program will manage their own communications, be reachable by email, phone or text, and respond to program staff in a timely manner. Parent/guardian information will be used only if we are not able to reach you after multiple attempts or in the event of an emergency.

11. Full name *

12. Relationship to Applicant *

13. Phone number *

14. Email address *

15. Would you like us to include your parent/guardian in program communications? *

Yes

No

Commitment and Availability

Members of the program are expected to attend all of the after-school workshops and field trips listed below. If you are unsure of your schedule or know you will miss 1-2 events, please tell us why below. Your ability to commit to attending workshops and field trips will be a consideration in selection.

Schedule:

Tuesday, September 24 | 4:30-6:30pm
Saturday, September 28 | Field Trip Day*
Tuesday, October 1 | 4:30-6:30pm
Tuesday, October 8 | 4:30-6:30pm
Tuesday, October 15 | 4:30-6:30pm
Saturday, October 19 | Field Trip Day*
Tuesday, October 22 | 4:30-6:30pm
Tuesday, October 29 | 4:30-6:30pm
Tuesday, November 5 | 4:30-6:30pm
Tuesday, November 12 | 4:30-6:30pm
Saturday, November 16 | Field Trip Day*
Tuesday, November 19 | 4:30-6:30pm
Thanksgiving Break - no meeting
Tuesday, December 3 | 4:30-6:30pm

*Field Trip Days will typically be from 10am - 1pm. These start and end times may change slightly.

16. Unless something unexpected comes up, are you able to attend all of the meetings and field trips listed above? *

- Yes, I can commit to attending all of the meetings listed.
- No, I have known conflicts at the planned times.
- Unsure of my schedule in the fall.

17. If you marked "No" or "Unsure" to Question #16, please explain more:

18. Sessions will take place at Vancouver City Hall (downtown), the Water Resources Education Center (on SE Columbia Way), or other locations in Vancouver. Please check which modes of transportation you will likely use to get to these sessions: *

- Drive myself
- Carpool with other cohort members
- Parent/guardian drop off
- Bus / public transit
- Bike / walk
- Other

19. Do you need any transportation assistance to participate in the program? *

Yes

No

Maybe

Short Answer Questions

The questions below will help us understand your level of interest and investment in the program. We are more interested in your thoughtful responses to the questions and getting to know you than in receiving a perfect essay. It is strongly encouraged that you watch the [Application Tips video](#) at www.cityofvancouver.us/yclp to learn more about how to best respond to the questions below.

20. Tell us about yourself! Share something about your family, community, interests, and passions. Please share anything you think would help us get to know you as a person. (250 words max) *

21. Why are you interested in participating in the Youth Climate Leadership Program? (400 words max) *

22. Tell us about your qualities and experiences that will contribute to this Youth Climate Leaders Cohort, e.g. involvement with other youth programs, experiences of climate impacts, communication skills, family or work responsibilities, teamwork, etc. (250 words max) *

Declaration

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If I am selected, I will complete the requirements of the program.

23. By typing your name here, you agree to the statement above: *

24. Date: *

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