**U.S. YAC UNOD MISSION**

Our mission is to collaborate as a diverse group of youth of the U.S., territories, and occupied lands to further the UN Ocean Decade goals in a way that best serves youth in each of their communities. We are committed to inclusion, action, outreach and engagement mobilizing other youth, skill building, and becoming more educated on the Decade, ocean, water, climate crises, and the intersection of related humanitarian plight. We want to raise awareness educating others and amplify our voices through a “seat at the table”.

**IS IT THE RIGHT FIT? APPLY IF YOU...**

- Are excited to lead a real-world hands on experience, where you will collaboratively plan and execute from start to finish an 8-month long action project within one of the committees of Policy, Education and Movement.

- Understand the importance of collaborative teamwork putting empathetic leadership into practice and strive for inclusion of all voices at the table.

- Are between the ages of 16-23. (Youth leaders ages 15 may apply with an additional recommendation.)

- Are from the U.S., Hawai’i, Guåhan/Guam, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Kwajalein Marshall Islands, American Samoa

- Are prepared to prioritize the U.S. YAC for UNOD membership as a proactive engagement willing to meet the following Commitments --
ENGAGEMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS

- Demonstrating **power-with leadership**, not power-over;

- Applying a **collaborative, creative-thinking approach** and proactive action to furthering the goals of the YAC at-large;

- Engaging and mobilizing **youth** to advocate for their future and learn about and get involved in the UN Ocean Decade;

- Expanding your **education in ocean, water, and climate crises** to understand the intersection of humanitarian issues.

- **Furthering your skills** in public speaking and presenting, storytelling, strategic planning and organizing, campaigning and outreach, policy advocacy, and empathetic leadership;

- **Contributing toward actively shaping** the US National Committee’s priorities for community-centered UN Ocean Decade work to further the needs of the next generation in the most vulnerable areas;

- Engaging with the YAC **8-12 hours/month for the cohort term** participating in meetings, skill-building workshops and event participation;

- **Consistent digital communication** via email, Whatsapp, etc. at least 2x per week

- **Virtual Onboard Training:** Between 2-4 hour-long workshops mid-September-October

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U.S. YAC UNOD WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH:

**Intersectional shared-learning** opportunities including increased awareness of our shared one-water system and human impacts

**Youth leadership & professional development** in research, communications and public speaking, time/project management, event planning, empathetic leadership, intergenerational collaboration and team-building

**Connections** to mentors and a network of youth changemakers

**Engagement** in high-level policy making and eco-justice efforts

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**WANT TO APPLY?**

**SIGN UP TO STAY INFORMED OF 4TH COHORT APPLICATION!**

**AUGUST 14**
Deadline to submit application for 4th Cohort

**AUGUST 17**
Deadline to submit 2 letters of recommendation

**AUGUST 21-25**
Period of online interviews

**SEPTEMBER 4**
Applicants learn whether offered a membership slot to U.S. YAC for UNOD 4th Cohort.

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**QUESTIONS?**
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