

## Meridian Young Professionals Advisory Committee Application

The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth Meridian Young Professionals Advisory Committee (YPAC) is a group of young professionals who support the work of the Council in its efforts to engage the YP community in our mission by:

- Contributing concrete ideas on how the Council can evolve or improve to be more attractive to young professionals. The main goal is to attract and retain young professionals to the Council's general membership and programming.
- Providing program feedback and insight to the Board and staff of the Council.
- Bringing new members and attendees to MYP & Council general events.
- Assisting in coordination of MYP events.
- Serving as "community ambassadors" for the Council and Meridian group.

We welcome applications from professionals ages 21-40 who would like to join YPAC during the 2024-2026 term.

### Applications are due on April 15, 2024

We will let you know in May whether you have been selected. Selection of the committee members will be announced publicly in June 2024.

### Eligibility

Young professionals and students residing in the Dallas/Fort Worth region, ages 21-40 years old at the time of application, are eligible for membership in the committee.

### Requirements of YPAC Membership

To maintain active membership in YPAC, applicants must be able to meet the following requirements:

- Each Committee member must be an individual member of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth at the \$250 Donor level or above. This membership may be paid annually or on a monthly recurring cycle and can be instituted after selection to the Committee.
- Each Committee member will bring in 1 new World Affairs Council member each year, and 10 new event attendees.
- Event and Meeting Attendance:
  - Each member will attend at least 3 Advisory Committee meetings (scheduled quarterly) each year.
  - Each member will commit to attend 75% of Meridian Young Professionals programs each year (typically 8-12/year). Each member will attend 1 general Council event per month.
  - Each member will commit to attend the H. Neil Mallon Award Dinner with a YP individual ticket purchase (approximately \$200, but may vary per year).
- Financial Commitment:

- Each member should contribute to Council's Annual Fund in any amount.
- Each member will be able to commit to a 2-year term (June 2024-May 2026).
- Each member will dedicate themselves to the Council's mission and exhibit a passion for advancing the organization's vision.
- Each member will be able to engage enthusiastically in the work of the committee between meetings, as needed.

### **Responsibilities of Members**

YPAC members are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Contribute concrete ideas on how the Council can evolve or improve to be more attractive to young professionals. The main goal is to attract and retain young professionals to the Council's general membership and programming. – y'all: this is the really important list that I talked about in my other report template email. This is a critical element of this group
- Promote Council membership and participation to others, thereby cultivating the next generation of Council members.
- Assist with the planning of Meridian Young Professionals events in coordination with the Council's Programs Manager/Coordinator (speaker and subject ideas, venues, formats, partnerships, etc.).
- Act as an ambassador for the Council and will work to enhance the public image of the Council in North Texas and elsewhere.
- Actively participate in helping to develop community resources for the Council's Young Professionals group.
- Attend, fully prepare for, and diligently participate in committee meetings.
- Represent the Council in a positive and supportive manner, act in the best interests of the organization, and excuse themselves from discussions and votes where there is a conflict of interest.
- Maintain in strict confidence all business affairs, documents, materials, and deliberations of the World Affairs Council (whether in print, electronic, or other format). This principle is one that survives the period of service.

### **Benefits to Members**

YPAC members can expect to enjoy the following benefits of the Committee:

- Individual highlights in social media and other Council communications, and profiles on the Meridian Young Professionals section of the Council website.
- Informational and networking interviews with members of the Council's Board of Directors, coordinated through the Programs Manager.
- Opportunities for professional development and leadership in the Dallas Young Professionals network.
- Hands-on experience working directly with Council staff and other Advisory Committee members to further the aims of the organization.
- Development of leadership skills in preparation for future nonprofit committee and/or board involvement.



- Opportunities to engage in small group/private conversations with foreign policy experts.
- Targeted opportunities to meet with international visitors and/or guest speakers.

**Timeline**

**April 15:** Applications due

**June 1:** New members announced (Weekly, YP newsletter) & YPAC term begins.



Name	Preferred Name
DOB	Cell Phone
Address	
Current Membership Level If not currently at \$250 Donor level, are you willing to upgrade?	
Title & Place of Employment	
Spouse/Partner	
Other groups with which you're involved – and positions, if applicable	
Your current connections to the Council	
Why do you want to join the Meridian YPAC?	
What part of the WACDFW mission are you most enthusiastic about?	
How do you see Dallas/Fort Worth as a global metroplex? What are your hopes for Dallas on the international stage?	
What are some of your interest areas (international regions, topics, arts, culture, sports, etc.)?	
What global issue concerns you the most?	
Are you interested in chairing this committee? If so, what unique qualities would you bring to the position?	
Should you be accepted, which subcommittee would you prefer?	
Outreach: explore funding, engage with potential members, partner organization outreach Events: ideation and planning of events targeted to young professionals	