

Young Professionals Advisory Committee Application Form

The Council's **Young Professionals Advisory Committee (YPAC)** is a group of young professionals who support the work of the Council in its efforts to engage the young professionals 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 Meridian: Young Professionals (MYP) and Council general events.
- Assisting in coordination of MYP events.
- Serving as "community ambassadors" for the Council and MYP group.

We welcome applications from professionals ages 22-39 who would like to join YPAC's 2026-2028 term.

Applications are due on March 30, 2026

We will let you know in April whether you have been selected. Selection of the committee members will be announced publicly in April 2026.

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 into the committee.

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/Fort Worth Young Professionals network.
- Hands-on experience working directly with Council staff and other YPAC 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.

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 \$300 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 one (1) new World Affairs Council member each year, and ten (10) new event attendees.
- Event and Meeting Attendance:

- Each member will attend at least three (3) YPAC 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 one (1) general Council event per month.
- Each member will commit to attend the Council's annual H. Neil Mallon Award Dinner with a YP individual ticket purchase (approximately \$200, but this 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 two-year term (April 2026-March 2028).
- 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.
- 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 Department (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 Meridian: 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 of Dallas/Fort Worth (whether in print, electronic, or other format). This principle is one that survives the period of service.

Timeline

March 30: Applications due

April 14: New members announced (Weekly, YP newsletter, social media) and YPAC term begins

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WACDFW YPAC Application Form 2026-2028 Term

Name	Preferred Name	
DOB	Cell Phone	
Address		
Current Membership Level If not currently at \$300 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?		