

**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 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 Council board and staff.
- Bringing new members and attendees to Meridian: Young Professionals (MYP) & Council programs.
- 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 2025-2027 term.

Applications are due on May 20, 2025

We will let you know in May whether you have been selected. Selection of the committee members will be announced publicly by June 2025.

Eligibility

Young professionals and students residing in the Dallas/Fort Worth region, ages 22-39 years old at the time of application, are eligible for membership in 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.
- Opportunities for professional development and leadership in the Dallas young professionals network.
- Hands-on experience working directly with Council staff and other YPAC members to further the mission and goals 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 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 program per month.
- Each member will commit to attend the 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 (any amount).
- Each member will commit to a two-year term (June 2025-May 2027).
- 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 programs in coordination with the Council's Programs department (speaker and subject ideas, venues, formats, partnerships, etc.).
- Act as an ambassador for the Council and 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.

Timeline

May 20: Applications due

June 1: New members announced (Weekly, YP newsletter, social media) and YPAC term begins

Submission

Complete the form on page three of this document and submit the form and a copy of your resume to Isai Moreno at imoreno@dfwworld.org. Use "YPAC Application" in your subject line.

Application Form on next page...



WACDFW YPAC Application Form
2025-2027 Term

Name	Preferred Name
DOB	Mobile 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?	
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	