

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)

What is YCC?

YCC is a summer employment program for diverse young men and women ages 16 through 19 from different backgrounds to work and learn together by doing projects to protect public lands.

What do YCC members do?

- Work outdoors with other young people on crews, supervised by a trained crew leader
- Gain valuable professional experience working on Forest Service lands come rain or shine
- Get training in tool use, safe work habits, teamwork, and more
- Learn how conservation projects benefit the environment, and the cultural and historical significance.

What are the benefits of being in YCC?

- Develop an appreciation of the nation's natural environment and heritage resources
- Learn work ethic and interpersonal communication skills
- Make new friends with youth from various social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds
- Earn Federal or State minimum wage—whichever is higher, *Colorado minimum wage for 2018 will be \$10.20/hr*

Am I eligible?

- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.
- At least **16 years of age** by June 1st **and not yet 19 years of age** by August 30th of that year.
- Youth from all social, economic, ethnic, racial, and disable populations are encouraged to apply.
- Must have Social Security Number.
- No criminal record or other antisocial behavior that might endanger others.

How do I apply?

- Contact Loren Paulson at the Grand Valley Ranger District (USDA Forest Service) at 970-242-8211 for information specific to the job duties.
- Deadline for application is **April 13, 2018.**
- For more info: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/ycc>
- Print application and all other forms, sign/signatures, scan and e-mail to Brenda Winfrey, bwinfrey@fs.fed.us **OR**
- Mail application to: ATTN: YCC, Grand Valley Ranger District, 2777 Crossroads Blvd. Unit 1, Grand Junction, CO. 81506

What Will YCC Program Look Like For the Grand Valley Ranger District (Grand Junction, CO.)?

The recruitment period for the YCC on the Grand Valley Ranger District has begun. These positions will be utilized primarily as a Trail Crew: clearing trails, constructing drainage structures, other conservation projects basically “digging in the dirt”, other work experiences will be incorporated as possible. The crew will routinely camp out for the work week (Mon-Thurs). **Ability to backpack long distances and carry tools will be required.**

