



# YOUTH CLIMATE INSTITUTE®

***Building the next generation of climate leaders***

In this turn-key, extracurricular program, high school students learn about climate science, impacts, and solutions. They use their knowledge to complete action projects that address climate issues in their community to become Certified Ambassadors.



## Now 35 chapters in **Alabama, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia!**



### Resources and Support

Chapter leaders and students have access to:

- live workshops
- a library of learning resources
- expert YCI staff support
- professional development
- ...and much more!

### Who can start a chapter?

Teachers, parents and volunteers can lead YCI chapters in their schools, at community nature centers, local churches, libraries or other community sites.



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*A certification program for high school students*



## Program Components

### Reflective Discussions on 5 Climate Topics

Students participate in 5 reflective discussions about climate change concepts. Chapter leaders can use the YCI learning library, join a live workshop or design their own discussions.

*YCI hosts 5 live workshops every year that satisfy this requirement! Topics vary and feature industry experts, elected officials, and program alumni.*

### Action Project

Chapters receive access to resources and YCI staff support to assist with community action projects.

### 5 Service Hours

YCI facilitates networking between chapters and the sharing of opportunities for students to complete 5 service hours, including tree plantings, stream clean-ups, advocacy projects, and more.

## Certification Levels

### Certified Ambassador® - One Year Program

Upon completion of program requirements, students earn a certification to support their college and career goals, including:

- Certified Ambassador pin and digital badge
- Networking with hundreds of YCI Ambassadors and mentors through our active alumni network

### Certified Ambassador with Honors® - Optional Second Year

YCI Ambassadors can continue beyond their first year with a Capstone Project guided by a community mentor.

Upon completion of a Capstone Project, students earn:

- Certified Ambassador with Honors pin and digital badge
- Compostable, natural-fiber graduation cord

### School or Center Recognition

Host sites can be recognized at the gold, platinum or diamond level



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