



## **Youth Leadership Council Call for Membership**

### **Who We Are:**

Global Fund for Children partners to build a world where all youth are safe, strong, and valued. We pursue this mission by investing in innovative, locally led organizations, helping them deepen their impact and build their capacity for social change. To further advance and protect the rights of children and youth, GFC supports its partners to engage in grassroots advocacy initiatives to effect policy change from the local level. Since our founding nearly 25 years ago, GFC has invested nearly \$40 million in over 600 grassroots organization around the world. Our work advances the rights of children and youth across four focus areas: education; gender equity; youth empowerment; and freedom from violence and exploitation.

### **What is the Youth Leadership Council:**

GFC's Youth Leadership Council is commissioned to articulate and advance the needs of youth peers, and to serve as advisers to Global Fund for Children. With an active Youth Leadership Council, GFC seeks to improve its understanding of youth engagement and issues affecting young people. We aim for more inclusive decision-making processes, with young people involved every step of the way. Youth Leadership Council members will not only be engaged with GFC as advisers, but also will gain access to networking, capacity development, and other career-enhancing opportunities. Youth Leadership Council Members are champions of GFC's mission, embracing our Core Values of Courage, Passion, Partnership, Learning, Inclusion, and Excellence in their daily work.

Primary responsibilities of Youth Leadership Council members include:

- Helping GFC identify important issues relating to young people across different regions
- Becoming spokespersons for GFC's campaigns, thus strengthening GFC's efforts to become more youth-led
- Helping amplify key GFC initiatives on social media; publishing blogs/articles/videos relevant to GFC's campaigns
- Designing and contributing to messaging and content development for young people
- Contributing to the selection process for grants and/or awards
- Helping to shape GFC's grantmaking priorities
- Representing GFC at public events
- Leading fundraising campaigns for GFC
- Strengthening GFC's networks and outreach to potential partner organizations

## Selection Criteria:

We're looking for applicants with one or more of the following work experiences:

- Leadership mobilizing and empowering youth
- Work or volunteer experience with youth organizations, groups, and councils
- Advocacy on issues affecting children and youth
- Experience working with children and youth directly
- Demonstrated commitment to young people through academic, volunteer, organizing, and/or paid work experience (direct work with children and youth is preferred but not necessary)
- Experience in one or more of [Global Fund for Children's focus areas](#): Education, Gender Equity, Youth Empowerment, and Freedom from Violence and Exploitation

We seek applicants with the following personal traits and values:

- 18-30 years old for the duration of their involvement with the Youth Leadership Council
- Ability to speak English
- Access to the internet
- Preferably living/working [in a country in which GFC operates](#)
- Willingness to represent Global Fund for Children publicly, proactively participate on the Council, and comply with Global Fund for Children's [values](#)
- Knowledge of international development, current affairs, and/or other areas related to Global Fund for Children's work
- Understanding of challenges affecting children and youth in your country/region
- Commitment to civic engagement and social justice

We highly encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds, including those with the following identities and experiences, to apply:

- Women, individuals who identify as LGBTQIA2+, non-university-educated individuals, individuals from less privileged socio-economic backgrounds, indigenous people, people with disabilities, and other minority groups
- Individuals from the Global South and rural areas
- Individuals who work in business, academia, or informal work sectors

## How to Apply:

Please fill out the online application by September 15, 2019: <https://bit.ly/YLC-app>

The selection of new members is a participatory process involving GFC staff and Youth Leadership Council members.

Please email [info@globalfundforchildren.org](mailto:info@globalfundforchildren.org) if you have questions!

**Global Fund for Children is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all members of our team.**