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Frequently Asked Questions



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2026 Application Form





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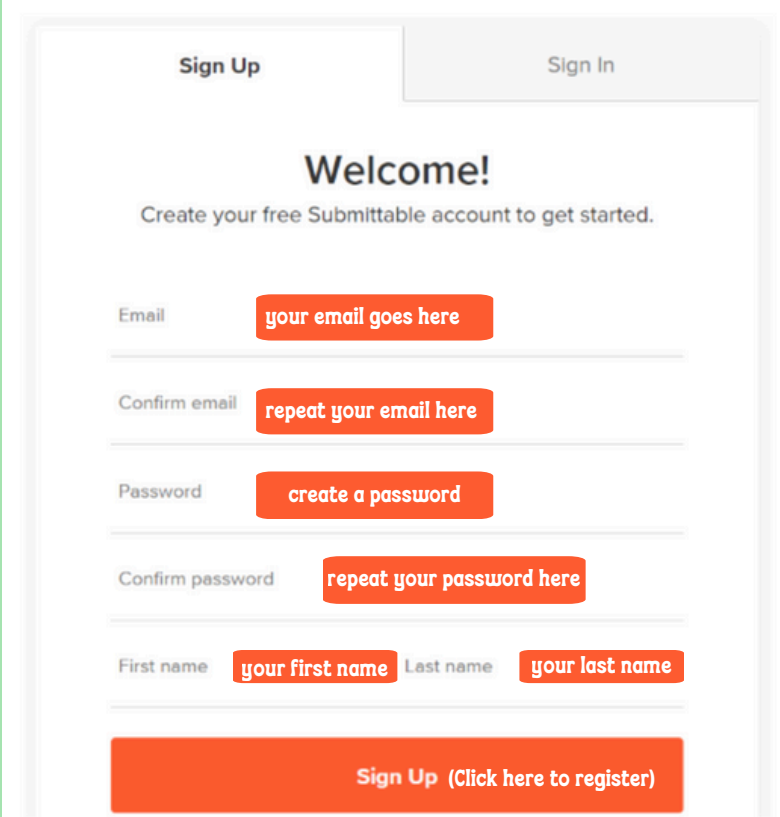

The YCJF application is open until March 1st, 2026, 23:59 UTC.

Where can I find the application form?

Here is a link to our [application form](https://youthclimatejusticefund.submittable.com/submit) where you can directly apply by clicking submit on your preferred language. Our application website – <https://youthclimatejusticefund.submittable.com/submit> – is available in Arabic, English, French, Hindi, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swahili.

Do I need to create an account to apply?

Once you visit the [application form](#) and click on submit, you will be asked to create a Submittable account using your personal email address, creating a password and filling your first name and last name.



The screenshot shows a web form for signing up. At the top, there are two tabs: "Sign Up" (active) and "Sign In". Below the tabs, the text reads "Welcome!" followed by "Create your free Submittable account to get started." The form contains several input fields with placeholder text in orange boxes: "Email" with "your email goes here", "Confirm email" with "repeat your email here", "Password" with "create a password", and "Confirm password" with "repeat your password here". At the bottom, there are two fields for "First name" (placeholder: "your first name") and "Last name" (placeholder: "your last name"). A large orange button at the bottom right says "Sign Up (Click here to register)".

Once done, you will receive an email from Submittable asking you to verify your email address. Click the link to verify, and you can start filling our application form.



I registered on Submittable but I did not receive my confirmation email?

It can take up to about 15 minutes for you to receive the confirmation email. Please refresh your inbox and check all your folders (including spam/junk, updates, etc) to make sure you do not miss the email.

Can I save my application and continue later?

Yes. You can save your answers and return to your application later. Remember to click save when you answer a new question. If your phone or computer is running out of power, internet data or you need to stop filling the form to attend to something urgent, just click save and you will receive a link to your email which you can use to continue your application later. Only click the submit button after you have completed the form.

How long does it take to fill the application form?

We estimate between 30 to 60 minutes to complete your application.

Can I submit my application via email?

The recommended means to submit an application is through our online application platform which you can access here:

<https://youthclimatejusticefund.submittable.com/submit>. In situations where applicants are unable to access the online application platform, they can contact our Regional Committees at ask@ycjf.org to work with them to find a solution to submit their applications

Who can apply to the Youth Climate Justice Fund?

Youth-led climate justice groups that are inclusive, intersectional and championing collective action on climate change. Please read our criteria here: <https://ycjf.org/how-to-apply>.

Do I need to be legally registered?

No, formal or legal registration is not required.



Can an Individual apply to the fund?

Our goal is to fund movement building and grassroots organizers. This means an individual can apply if their work is part of / supports an identified collective or climate justice group.

We just started my organization or group, can we still apply since we are new?

Yes! Every youth-led organization, group or collective can apply regardless of whether they are newly established or have several years of experience.

Can I submit more than one application?

No. Due to high volumes of applications, we recommend applicants to submit one application per group, organisation or individual. You can explain your projects in the application form.

My group doesn't have an annual budget. What should we do?

Annual budget is not a requirement. If you are a newly established group with no annual budget, select 'no' when answering that question.

How can I access and upload the budget using the template provided?


You can upload your budget in your preferred format. We have also provided a [budget template](#) in the application form on Submittable that you can use as a guide. Download the template, fill it, and upload in the budget section of the online application form.





I can't find my region in the list, what should I do?

The regional division is by no means perfect. We encourage you to apply using the region that is closest to yours. For instance, if you are from Western Balkans, you can choose Europe and Central Asia. Please refer to [this map](#) for guidance.



When can I expect to know the outcome of my application?

We will be reviewing applications as they come. Due to very high volumes of applications, we expect to inform all applicants on our decision by mid 2026.



If my project is selected, when will I receive the funds?

Once the grant is awarded, we work closely with each grantee partner, taking into account their context and needs, to disburse funds as quickly as possible



I want to partner with the YCJF to support my project

Our grantees are our partners. The first step to a partnership is applying to our grant. Please make an application on our [platform](#) and specify your partnership needs under the project description.

I cannot find a Regional Facilitator for my region on your website, what should I do?

We currently have 6 regional committees covering South Asia, Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. The Regional Committee Members are not necessarily representative of the entire region but rather individuals who can work to support our grantee partners in the region. Please refer to the map on the application form to locate your country/ region and we will assign the appropriate regional facilitator to assist you.

I do not need funding. Can I apply for capacity strengthening support?



If you do not need funding but are interested in our capacity strengthening program, send an email to ask@ycjf.org with details about the kind of capacity areas you wish to strengthen.



FAQ about the YCJF

What do we mean by 'addressing climate and socio-environmental justice'?

We mean solutions, campaigns, and projects that address the climate crisis by jointly tackling marginalization, exploitation, and oppression, and enhancing community power, equity and justice.

What do we mean by 'youth-led'?

We believe that "youth" holds many meanings and contexts depending on worldviews and contexts. We believe that balancing between older youth under 35 years old who are discriminated against or marginalized based on class, ethnicity, Indigenous Peoples' identity, gender, etc. and very young activists who also face similar structural barriers, is key.

What is peer learning through Capacity Strengthening?

We work with our network to offer peer learning on essential skills needed for movement building such as Campaigns and Communications, Management and Leadership, Financial Literacy and Fundraising, Administration and Operations, and Project Management.

How is the YCJF funded?

We are supported by individuals and philanthropies – rather than private or listed companies. We do not accept funding from anyone who is not aligned with our principles and values

We can ask up to \$20,000 and \$40,000 USD, but can we apply even if our group needs more funding?

At this stage, local groups can only apply for up to \$20,000 while national groups can apply for up to \$40,000. You can apply if your overall funding needs exceeds this amount

We are a regional or international focused group. Can we apply?

 Our 2026 open call is only for national and local groups. If your organization is a regional/international group, please write to us at ask@ycjf.org.

***Please read carefully and only send us an email if your questions are not answered. Kindly note that we will not reply to emails with questions that are already answered here or on our website.**

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***Please review the questions for the 2026 Application before submitting via Submittable.**

SECTION A – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Is your group a youth-led organization/collective?

Yes / No*

***Please remember that if your organization/collective is not youth-led, you are not eligible to apply for our grant application.**

Is your group legally registered with an official bank account to receive grants? (Please note that both registered and unregistered groups are eligible to apply to the YCJF)

Yes / No

If not, do you have a fiscal sponsor or partner organization who can receive the grant on your behalf if successful?

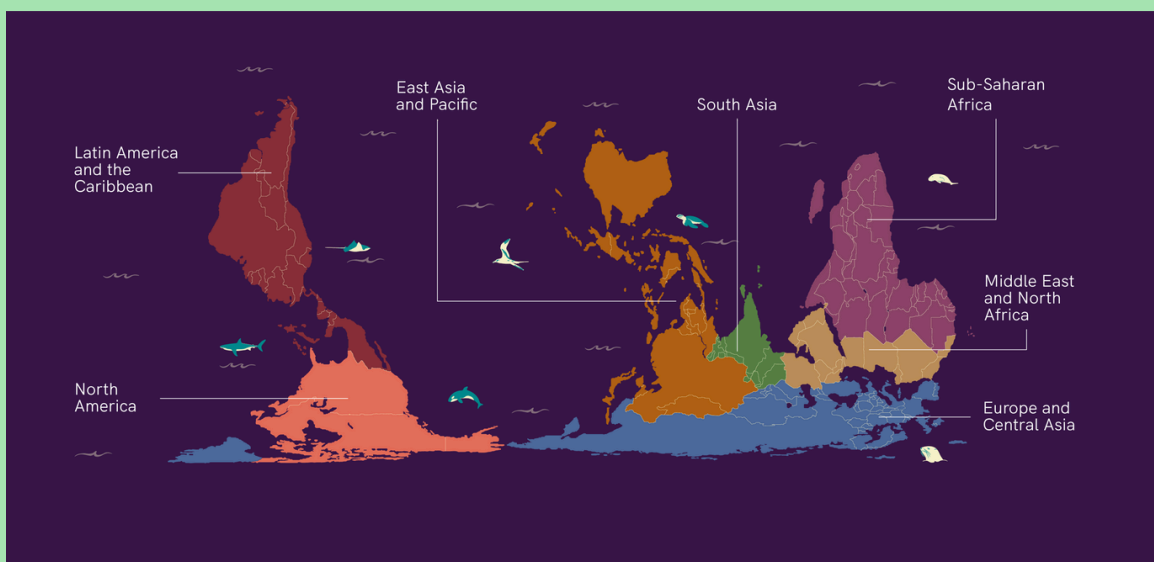
Yes / No

Which region is your group based?

(Applicants from high-income countries should belong to a minority or underserved groups to be considered for funding. Groups that focus solely on international engagements without any community-based work are ineligible to apply).*

- East Asia and Pacific
- Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America & Caribbean
- Middle East and North Africa
- North America
- South Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa

***Please refer to the map below to identify your region**



Does the leadership of your group identify with any of the following:



- Indigenous-led
- Womxn-led (including women led, non-binary leadership, etc).
- LGBTQI2S+ led
- Informal workers-led
- Pastoralist/young farmers-led
- People of colour/ Ethnic Minority-led
- People with disability-led
- Refugees/migrant/Internally displaced persons-led
- Children-led
- Other (If your leadership identity is not listed, please describe your core leadership in your own words)

What is the reach of your organization/group?

- Local (Single community/ subnational area (e.g. district, state, province, city)
- National (Entire country, across multiple communities and subnational areas)
- Regional (Two or more countries in a defined region/subregion)
- International (Countries in multiple regions or global)

How old are the people in the position of decision-making of your group?

- 19 and below
- 20 - 24
- 25-29
- 30 - 35
- 35 and above
- Other (if you have an intergenerational leadership, please specify the composition" for those who have leadership across the different age categories.

Is at least 75% of the community served by your group under the age of 35?

Yes / No



Does the work of your group focus on holding policy makers accountable?

***This may include (but is not restricted to) campaigns and activities aimed at urging or supporting decision-makers to implement their climate and environmental promises.**

Yes / No



Does the work of your group focus on raising ambition on equitable and fair climate action?

***This may include (but is not restricted to) activities that address the lack of urgency on climate and environmental action by presenting ambitious indigenous/locally-led solutions, and approaches that can be scaled by governments, businesses and society.**

Yes / No

Does the work of your group focus on cultivating diverse leadership rooted in fair and equitable climate action?

***This may include (but is not restricted to) activities that build youth-leadership in practical ways to enhance community and collective power in delivering climate action.**

Yes / No

Does your group have an annual budget?

Yes / No

If yes, how much is the annual budget?

- 0 - 10,000
 - 10-25,000
 - 25-50,000
 - 50-100,000
 - 100,000 and above
- *Range of budgets in USD**

SECTION B – GROUP / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

If you have made it to this stage, it means you are eligible to apply. If you need any help completing your application please contact our Regional Facilitators via ask@ycjf.org

Name of your group

Short answer

What is the primary location of your group's work?

Short answer (list of regions)

Name of the Proposal Lead
***The person making the application**

Short answer (full name of the lead)

Position of the Proposal Lead in the group

Short answer (role)

Date of Birth of the Proposal Lead

DD/MM/YYYY

**Point of contact of the group (email/whatsapp,
signal/phone call)**

Short answer (include all the above if possible)

What is the primary objective and strategic vision of your group?

Short answer (max 100 words)

What is the primary focus area of your group?

- Biodiversity and nature
- Circular economy and waste
- Adaptation and resilience building
- Loss and damage
- Food and water systems
- Cities and Urban environments
- Health and Wellbeing
- Energy and Just transition
- Technology and Innovation
- Other (If your initiative focuses on a theme not listed, please describe the core theme of your work in your own words)

Briefly describe the main project/activity the group is seeking support for.

Long answer (Describe a problem you identified and tackled in the past that might be related or unrelated, and how those experiences can be deepened with this grant)

(Max. 200 words – This can be anything from specific activities of your group to your priorities for the past years)

What has the team achieved so far and how will this grant build upon your existing achievements, if any?


Short answer

*Briefly describe a problem you identified and tackled in the past that might be related or unrelated, and how those experiences can be deepened with this grant



How do these previous achievements and current project align with YCJF's objectives to hold policy makers accountable, raise ambition on equitable and fair climate and environmental action, and cultivate youth leadership rooted in community power?

Short answer
***Max 100 words.**




List any partners or allies your group is working with.

Short answer
***Max 50 words.**

How does your group incorporate or plan to incorporate principles of justice, diversity, and inclusion into the efforts aimed at supporting underserved groups?

Short answer
***Max 100 words.**



Where do you see your group 3 years from now?

Short answer
***Max 100 words.**

How much are you requesting in funding? (Local groups can apply up to a maximum of \$20,000, National groups can apply up to a maximum of \$ 40,000)

Short answer

What will you spend money on? Please upload your budget

Please upload your budget using [this template](#) as a guide.

What capacities and organizational strengthening needs does your group require in addition to the funding?

***How can we support you beyond this grant**

Short answer (How can we support you beyond this grant)

To help us better understand your group and the work you do;

a. Please provide links to your work i.e LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, website etc.

b. In addition, please provide any relevant documents, or files such as project reports, annual reports, publications, narrative notes, or audio/video recordings of recent activity.

I agree with YCJF's policy to keep the information provided in this application for the YCJF 2026 grant cycle