

YOUTHBUILD USA

AFFILIATED NETWORK FACTS



◀ WHAT IS THE AFFILIATED NETWORK?

The YouthBuild USA Affiliated Network is comprised of YouthBuild programs across the country committed to the YouthBuild program model and philosophy, implementing and enhancing its design and performance standards. Members of the AffNet participate in building a strong YouthBuild movement in partnership with YouthBuild USA and each other. Affiliates are eligible for a variety of benefits, including grants, leadership opportunities and access to a nationwide system of mutual support for directors, staff and students. As of July 2019, there are approximately 165 Affiliates in the United States.

◀ WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION?

There are many benefits of Affiliation, here are some highlights. You'll find the full list of benefits listed at my.youthbuild.org/affiliated-network.

- **YouthBuild Name and Logo:** The YouthBuild name brand and logo connects a program to a national movement which is recognized as being a premier youth development organization. Affiliates may use the YouthBuild name, logo, tagline and service marks for recruitment, development and partnership building.
- **Leadership Opportunities for Directors and Managers:** Eligibility to participate in leadership opportunities such as the National Directors Association, Membership Committee, Policy Council, and other such bodies influencing the direction of the YouthBuild movement as a whole.
- **Leadership Opportunities for your Young People:** Affiliates have access to a variety of leadership opportunities, internships, scholarships, exchange programs and national conferences for current YouthBuild students and YouthBuild graduates.
- **Advocacy Expertise and Support:** Affiliates have access to the Advocacy team at YouthBuild USA. The team has led the effort to increase the federal appropriation for YouthBuild, which has grown over 20% in the last five fiscal years. The Advocacy team has developed detailed materials designed to help Affiliates become better advocates for local, state and federal funding. In addition, Affiliates are eligible to receive more personalized consultations and support.



- **Eligibility for State Coalitions:** Only Affiliates are eligible to be full members in state YouthBuild coalitions and city collaboratives. These coalitions and collaboratives play a key role in seeking state and local sustainability funding, peer trainings and support, opportunities for students to participate in statewide gatherings, and other activities that enhance programs' effectiveness.
- **Staff Development:** Affiliates may participate in workshops, webinars and trainings and are eligible to apply for special fellowships as they are offered.
- **AffNet Connect:** Ability to participate in regular series of calls led by YouthBuild USA and directors on different topics.
- **Tools and Materials:** All Affiliates have access to data.youthbuild.org (DYB) to capture student performance data and use its powerful reports, as well as access to content-based resources in the YouthBuild USA Knowledge Bank.
- **Eligibility to Apply for YouthBuild USA Funding Opportunities:** These include pass-through funding opportunities and grant funds distribution. Some examples include AmeriCorps, GreenBuild, Mentoring, Customer Service Excellence Training (CSET) and additional education and career pathway initiatives.



◀ HOW TO APPLY TO JOIN THE AFFILIATED NETWORK

Please find detailed instructions, eligibility requirements and applications for Provisional Affiliation at my.youthbuild.org/affiliated-network. The complete application is a rigorous process that shows an organization's commitment to the YouthBuild model and philosophy, assessment by a program advisor, and financial stability. Applications are reviewed quarterly by the Membership Committee which is comprised of peer YouthBuild directors, YouthBuild graduates and YouthBuild USA staff.

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