



Fact Sheet

About the YouthBuild USA Affiliated Network

The YouthBuild USA Affiliated Network (AffNet) is comprised of YouthBuild programs across the United States who are committed to the YouthBuild program model and philosophy by implementing and enhancing its design and performance standards and maintaining a strong YouthBuild movement in partnership with YouthBuild USA and each other. As of July 2019, there are approximately 165 affiliates across the United States.

Benefits of Affiliation

Affiliates are eligible for a variety of benefits, including pass-through grants from YouthBuild USA, leadership opportunities, and access to a nationwide system of mutual support for directors, staff, and students. In return, affiliates agree to strive for and uphold quality programming, submit outcome data, and participate in the USA Affiliated Network as the core of the YouthBuild movement. The complete list of benefits can be found at my.youthbuild.org/affiliated-network.

YouthBuild Name and Logo: The YouthBuild name and brand connects affiliates to a national network and a global movement championing opportunity youth as they pursue their education, prepare for future careers, and grow into community leaders. Affiliates may use the YouthBuild name, logo, messaging, and service marks for recruitment, development and partnership building.

Leadership Opportunities for Directors and Managers: Affiliation provides 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 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.

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: Affiliates may participate in regular AffNet Connect calls led by YouthBuild USA staff and YouthBuild program directors. These calls offer support, guidance, and best practices discussions on a wide range of topics, as well opportunities for collaboration and networking.

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.



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.

Contact Us

For more information, please contact the Affiliated Network Team at affnet@youthbuild.org or 617-623-9900 x846.

