

YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES



Technical Specifics

- 5-10 minute video
- mp4 format

- save as lastname.firstname.YCAP26
- Drop video in One Drive



Reflect You

- The video should be in a style that reflects you. There is no right or wrong way. We want to get to know you and your unique personality.

Your Passions

- We want to learn about your passions in life. Whether it is environmental club :o), sports, band, video games, animals, chess or something else, we want to know what makes your soul sing!

Two Issues

- Tell us about one overall environmental issue that you are concerned about & one environmental issue in your school or community. Explain the issue and why everyone should be concerned about the issues.

Solutions

- Now, tell us about your ideas to help your School or community solve the problems you just presented. Think your solutions through and make sure that your solutions are doable! They don't have to be perfect.

By submitting your video application to the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA) for consideration to be appointed to the Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR) Youth Council, I hereby give permission for the video to be viewed by SVSWA staff and board members. The video submission will not be returned to the sender once submitted.

YOUR SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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Youth Council Dates for 2025-2026

July 9, 2026 - 6:00 - 8:00PM - Parent Orientation Dinner

6:00PM SVR Offices 126 Sun St Salinas Ca 93901

Monday, July 13, 2026 - Training Day 1 - 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Monday, July 20, 2026 - Training Day 2 - 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Monday, July 27, 2026 - Training Day 3 - 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Monday -Zoom Meetings

7:30 - 8:30PM

August 3

September 14

October 5

November 2

December 7

January 11

February 1

March 1

April 4

May 3

Saturday - In Person Meetings

9:00AM - 12:00PM

August 15

September 12

October - Community Service

November 14 or Community Service

December 12

January 9

February 13

March 13

April - Community Service

May 8 - Youth Council Wrap Up Lunch

SVR Board Meetings

6:00 - 7:30PM

117 Fourth St. Gonzales CA 93926

Thursday, October 15, 2027 - Presentation of YC Members to the Board

Thursday, May 20, 2027 - Wrap up presentations & Senior YC Honor Cord Presentations

Community Service Projects

October 17, 2026 - Gonzales Community Cleanup 8:00AM - 2:00PM

November 14, 2026 - America Recycles Day Activity

April 25, 2027 - Salinas Earth Day Project - TBD

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Applicant Information

First & Last Name _____
Email Address You Check Frequently _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Text YES NO
High School _____ Upcoming Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 1

First & Last Name _____ Relation _____
Phone # _____ Text YES NO
Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian 2 (Optional)

First & Last Name _____ Relation _____
Phone # _____ Text YES NO
Email Address _____

Emergency Contact

(other than parent/guardians listed above)

First & Last Name _____ Relation _____
Phone # _____ Text YES NO
Email Address _____

References

Please provide email addresses for two teachers and two personal references. We will email them a link for a reference survey to take online for you. Please let your references know to look out for these emails.

Teacher #1 Name _____ Email _____

Teacher # 2 Name _____ Email _____

Reference #1 Name _____ Email _____

Reference #2 Name _____ Email _____

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Commitments

Read the following qualifications for appointment carefully and indicate that you meet and/or agree to each item by initialing beside each statement.

_____ I will maintain a good attendance record of 80% or more Youth Council functions

_____ I will attend all meetings required of my position and participate as a team member

_____ I am aware that the members are the selected young leaders of SVR and represent the youth in many community functions

_____ I will share equally in all the duties of the Council, which include attending and actively participating in the council

_____ I have looked over the dates provided for the Youth Council and will, to the best of my ability, keep these dates free from other obligations

_____ I will communicate in a timely manner if I am unable to attend a meeting.

_____ I will check my SVR YC email regularly for information pertaining to YC matters and respond in a timely and professional manner

_____ I will use my SVR YC email address for YC business related matters only

_____ During Zoom Meetings, I will have my camera on and will actively engage and fully participate in discussions and activities

Please tell us about any date conflicts you may have.

Applicant Signature

By signing below, I am submitting my application to serve as a Youth Council member. I understand that, if selected as a Youth Council member, I am committing to serve for the entire school year from June thru April. I understand that serving on the Salinas Valley Recycles Youth Council is a commitment and I will take the commitment seriously.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

By signing below, I am allowing my child to submit their application to serve on the Salinas Valley Recycles Youth Council. I understand that this is a serious commitment that will last from June 2025 to April 2026. I will do my best to support my child in honoring their commitment.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____