

# Student Application Process



Thank you for your interest in the Texas Youth Academy!

**Where:** Texas Youth Academy will be staying in college dorm rooms, where you will have a roommate and share a bathroom with another room of the same sex.

**How much:** The cost for participants to Texas Youth Academy this year is \$500 for Texas Conference students and \$1,000 for those outside, plus any travel expenses to and from our location. We highly encourage worshipping communities, youth groups, Sunday School or small groups to help support those attending. If this cost is still prohibitive, please contact Eddie Erwin at [eerwin@txcumc.org](mailto:eerwin@txcumc.org) as soon as possible. While part of TYA all meals and transportation will be provided.

**What to expect:** Life at the Texas Youth Academy will likely be different than anything students have experienced thus far, though parts of it will be similar to youth groups, camps, and retreats in which students may have participated in the past. We intend for the two weeks of Texas Youth Academy to be formational in many ways. We hope to influence the way students think about the day-to-day aspects of being Christian, while we help them grapple with broader theological ideas; we do all of this in the settings of an intentionally Christian community. We bring students out of the familiar scenes of their high schools, church communities, and extracurricular activities, and gather them with the one purpose of discovering the calling of our baptisms. In doing so, we study, play pray, worship, and serve together in the name of Jesus Christ while learning how to live abundantly and think deeply about being a Christian.

We attempt to pattern our life at the Texas Youth Academy on a rough monastic pattern; studying in the mornings, working with our hands/bodies in the afternoons, and worshipping and reflecting in the evenings.

**Before applying:** Please read the essays questions on the application. It may be helpful to compose these responses in a word processing application that allows saving, before copying and pasting them into your application. You will also need two persons (along with their contact information) to provide an online reference for you.

We are now accepting applications for current 10th-12th grade students. After applications are submitted and references have been returned, students are accepted through a rolling admissions process. Our priority deadline is November 15, 2019, and will have limited acceptance after that, based on openings. Our final deadline is March 27, 2020

If you are accepted, you will receive some initial paperwork to confirm you participation. There will be several other forms that will be need to be completed before your arrival. It is also expected that you have a meeting with your youth worker and/or pastor before and after the Texas Youth Academy.

If you have any questions, please contact Eddie Erwin at [eerwin@txcumc.org](mailto:eerwin@txcumc.org).