



Meridian Young Professionals Advisory Committee Application

The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth Meridian Young Professionals Advisory Committee (YPAC) is a group of young professionals who support the work of the Council in its efforts to engage the YP community in our programming by:

- Providing program feedback and insight to the board and staff of the Council
- Bringing new members and attendees to Meridian & Council events
- Assisting in coordination of young professional events
- Serving as “community ambassadors” for the Council and Meridian group

We welcome applications from professionals ages 21-39 who would like to join YPAC during the 2023-2025 term.

Applications are due on April 15, 2023.

We will let you know in May whether you have been selected. Selection of the committee members will be announced publicly in June 2023.

Eligibility

Young professionals and students residing in the Dallas/Fort Worth region, ages 21-39 years old at the time of application, are eligible for membership in the committee.

Requirements of YPAC Membership

To maintain active membership in YPAC, applicants must be able to meet the following requirements:

- Each Committee member must be an individual member of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth at the \$250 Contributors’ Circle level or above. This membership may be paid annually or on a monthly recurring cycle and can be instituted after selection to the Committee
- Each Committee member will bring in 3 new World Affairs Council members each year, and 10 new event attendees
- Event and Meeting Attendance:
 - Each member will attend at least 3 Advisory Committee meetings (scheduled quarterly) each year
 - Each member will commit to attend 75% of Meridian Young Professionals programs each year (typically 8-12/year)
 - Each member will commit to attend the H. Neil Mallon Award Dinner with a YP individual ticket purchase (priced at \$175 for 2022 but may vary each year)
- Financial Commitment:
 - Each member should contribute to Council’s Annual Fund in any amount
- Each member will be able to commit to a 2-year term (April 2023-March 2025)
- Each member will dedicate themselves to the Council’s mission and exhibit a passion for advancing the organization’s vision

- Each member will be able to engage enthusiastically in the work of the committee between meetings, as needed

Responsibilities of Members

YPAC members are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Assist with the planning of Meridian Young Professionals events in coordination with the Council's Programs Manager (speaker and subject ideas, venues, formats, partnerships, etc.)
- Promote Council membership and participation to others, thereby cultivating the next generation of Council members
- Act as an ambassador for the Council and will work to enhance the public image of the Council in North Texas and elsewhere
- Contribute ideas on how to improve the Council and how to better cater to both general and younger audiences
- Actively participate in helping to develop community resources for the Council's Young Professionals group
- Attend, fully prepare for, and diligently participate in committee meetings
- Maintain in strict confidence all business affairs, documents, materials, and deliberations of the World Affairs Council (whether in print, electronic, or other format). This principle is one that survives the period of service
- Represent the Council in a positive and supportive manner, act in the best interests of the organization, and excuse themselves from discussions and votes where there is a conflict of interest

Benefits to Members

YPAC members can expect to enjoy the following benefits of the Committee:

- Individual highlights in social media and other Council communications, and profiles on the Meridian Young Professionals section of the Council website
- Informational and networking interviews with members of the Council's Board of Directors, coordinated through the Programs Manager
- Opportunities for professional development and leadership in the Dallas Young Professionals network
- Hands-on experience working directly with Council staff and other Advisory Committee members to further the aims of the organization
- Development of leadership skills in preparation for future nonprofit committee and/or board involvement
- Opportunities to engage in small-group/private conversations with foreign policy experts
- Targeted opportunities to meet with international visitors and/or guest speakers

Name:

Preferred Name/Nickname:

DOB:

Cell Phone:

Address:

Current Membership Level:

If not currently at \$250 Contributor's Circle level, are you willing to upgrade?

Position & Place of Employment:

Spouse/Partner:

Other groups you're involved in:

Your current connections to the Council:

Why do you want to join the Meridian YPAC?

What part of the WACDFW mission are you most enthusiastic about?

How do you see Dallas/Fort Worth as a global metroplex? What are your hopes for Dallas on the international stage?

What are some of your interest areas? (international regions, topics, arts, culture, sports, etc.):

What global issue concerns you the most?

Are you interested in chairing this committee? If so, what unique qualities would you bring to the position?

Timeline

April 15: Applications due

June 1: New members announced (Weekly, YP newsletter) & YPAC term begins