



2026 Youth Ambassadors of Pacific Grove Application for Participation Packet

MISSION STATEMENT

The Youth Ambassadors of Pacific Grove is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide a platform to inspire youth to gain public speaking skills; develop leadership and confidence; to encourage community service and involvement; and to award scholarships to assist with post-secondary education.

NON -PROFIT CHAMPIONS

All Youth Ambassadors (YA) choose a Champion that they commit to work with, learn about, and teach others about the non-profit resource. Bringing attention to the Champion is a goal to help them be seen in the community, while also highlighting the YAOPG program. Champion volunteerism also earns community service hours. YA may be asked to make appearances from time-to-time, and let people know about the Champion through a “pitch” and will also learn to film a short one (1) minute video talking about the cause in various mediums, including social media.

TIME COMMITMENT

- Youth Ambassadors are encouraged to work with their Champion and gain community service hours. You are also encouraged to help your fellow YA Champions.
- Youth Ambassadors track their hours through a digital form.
- **Youth Ambassadors commit to perform 25 hours of service to the program.**
- **Youth Ambassadors attend 80% of the monthly meetings.** YAOPG meetings and appearances do not count as community service.
- **Youth Ambassador members will be awarded a scholarship, up to \$1,000, commensurate with the level of YAOPG program participation.** Years of YAOPG program participation, do not have to be served consecutively. Ambassadors serving on the 2026-27 Team, will receive a scholarship up to \$1,000.00, based on program participation. **The Youth Ambassador will need to complete their 25 hours of community service as a YAOPG program participant, to earn the full scholarship**

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Youth Ambassador be enrolled in a form of post-secondary education: such as college or technical school, within two (2) years of graduation, and be enrolled in at least 12 units/credits at enrollment.

Application Process Timeline

Please submit applications with appropriate attachments electronically to yaopgpresident@gmail.com

OR physical applications can be submitted to:

Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, 100 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. *Please note business hours at the Visitor's Center is 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.*

—→ **Application Priority Screening: Monday, March 2, 2026**

Application Final Deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 4:00 pm

Call Back for Interview: Tuesday, March 3 - Thursday, March 5, 2026

Mandatory Interviews: Saturday, March 7, 2026 - by invitation

Program Acceptance Notification: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Mandatory Parent & Ambassador Information Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 6:00 pm

First Meeting of YAOPG 2026-27 Team: Monday, March 23, 2026, 6:00 pm

Youth Ambassadors of Pacific Grove Application Checklist

Applicant Checklist:

___ I am a student in a grade from 9th through 11th in the Pacific Grove Unified School District and/or reside within Pacific Grove.

___ Enclosed/Attached is my short essay introducing myself - two (2) pages maximum.

___ I have enclosed/attached two (2) letters of recommendation.

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Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, 584 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

OR electronically to yaopgpresident@gmail.com.

Youth Ambassadors of Pacific Grove Application Packet questions? Call Christine Gruber at 831.869.5388 or Toulou Hubbard at 831.224.2634. Or email yaopgpresident@gmail.com.

Youth Ambassadors of Pacific Grove Tentative Event & Activity Schedule

*(subject to change - team meeting dates determined by consensus of team norms.
Each event offers opportunities for parent involvement too!)*

TBD Early April 2026 - Complete team building event and public speaking training

Saturday, May 2 - Sunday, May 3 - Pacific Grove Good Old Days

May 2026 - TBD Team Meeting & Enrichment

June 2026 - TBD Team Meeting

TBD Planning & Execution YAOPG Fundraiser

TBD Prepare for 4th of July

TBD Prepare for end of July PG Summer Lights Festival Events

July - Saturday 7/4 - Community BBQ

Monday, 7/20 - Summer Lights Festival Event - **Community Movie Night**

Wednesday, 7/22 - Summer Lights Festival Event - **Dance**

Friday, 7/24 - Summer Lights Festival Event - **Pet Parade**

Saturday, 7/25 - **Summer Lights Festival!**

August 2026 - TBD Team Meeting

September 2026 - TBD Team Meeting

TBD Friends of Pacific Grove Library Community Event

October 2026 - TBD Team Meeting

TBD Trunk or Treat Community Events

November 2026 - TBD Team Meeting

Monday, 11/2 - See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser Launch

December 2026 - Thursday, 12/3 - PG Parade of Lights

TBD Team Meeting

TBD Downtown Pacific Grove Gift Wrapping Fundraiser Event

January 2027 - TBD Team Meeting

TBD Valentine/Spring/Easter See's Fundraiser Launch

February 2027 - TBD PGHS Career & Service Fair

March 2027 - TBD Team Meeting - Hello/Goodbye



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- Mandatory Interview: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Student Contact Information: Home Phone: _____ Cell: Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Other: _____

Please note: ALL initial communication through the application process will be via email.

Parent/Guardian1:

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian2:

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please tell us a bit about yourself:

What is your preferred method of communication? _____

What is your favorite thing about Pacific Grove? _____

Please tell us a bit about yourself (continued):

Have you ever volunteered your time for a non-profit or community? _____

How did you hear about the YAOPG Program? _____

When you think about the rest of the school year ~ what days/times are you available for meetings and events? _____

When you think about your possible summer plans ~ are there any tentative dates where you aren't available? _____

What would you like to learn from this program? _____

Use and Disclosure of Information

By signing this form, you grant permission for this information to be shared internally with the selection committee members for evaluation purposes. The information may also be used in Foundation publications, reports, and/or press releases if the student is selected as a recipient (e.g., announcing the winner's name and high school). All information submitted becomes the property of Youth Ambassadors of Pacific Grove and will not be returned. Voluntary Participation and Rights - Your child's participation in this scholarship application process is entirely voluntary. There will be no penalty if you choose not to provide consent, though the student will not be able to be considered for the scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please submit this application, two letters of reference, and your personal essay by Monday, March 2, for priority screening, and by Wednesday, March 4, at 4:00 pm - Final Deadline.