

# SPSA Youth Preparedness Council

## Fact Sheet

### What is the Youth Preparedness Council?

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) has implemented a Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) in Saskatchewan, the first of its kind in Canada

Similar to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council, which was created in 2012, the SPSA's Youth Preparedness Council brings together youth leaders who are interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities by completing projects at both local and provincial levels.

Members will work on projects and initiatives that incorporate topics they are passionate about, like disaster preparedness, climate resilience, and more.

The council supports the SPSA's commitment to providing council members with the opportunity to present their perspectives, feedback, and opinions to SPSA staff.

This is an opportunity for students to participate in the early stages of this growing program and take responsibility for messaging and projects that will reach the broader population of Saskatchewan.

Youth involved will also find themselves educating other age groups in their communities, igniting interest and creating a ripple effect of adult engagement in disaster preparedness and community resiliency.

### What will being a member consist of?

The 2026-27 YPC term will run from September 2026 to May 2027. Those who apply are committing to a one-year term. Members are expected to participate in regularly scheduled remote meetings that consist

of learning opportunities, project support, and other collaborative activities.

Being a YPC member is a rewarding and exciting experience, but it is also time intensive. Council members must use time management skills to balance school, extracurricular activities, and their participation on the Council.

Please keep in mind that there is a minimum four-hour commitment to the Council each month, optional shadowing opportunities, as well as project collaboration and completion time with other team members.

### What is the benefit to the students?

**The Council is an opportunity for students to:**

- Learn about and participate in Saskatchewan's public safety initiatives and explore their interest in future career possibilities.
- Build their resume with an impressive experience and potential reference letters.
- Be provided with support in the form of mentors and resources to aid them in bringing their impactful projects to life.
- Meet and collaborate with like-minded students across Saskatchewan.
- Make a difference in their community and province.

### Who can apply to be a part of the YPC?

Saskatchewan students in Grades 9 to 12 can apply.

**We recommend students who are:**

- interested in public safety and emergency management and response careers, and
- youth leaders with strong time management skills.

**Applying: [Deadline August 5, 2026](#)**

Complete the attached application form and email it to [youthpreparednesscouncil@gov.sk.ca](mailto:youthpreparednesscouncil@gov.sk.ca).