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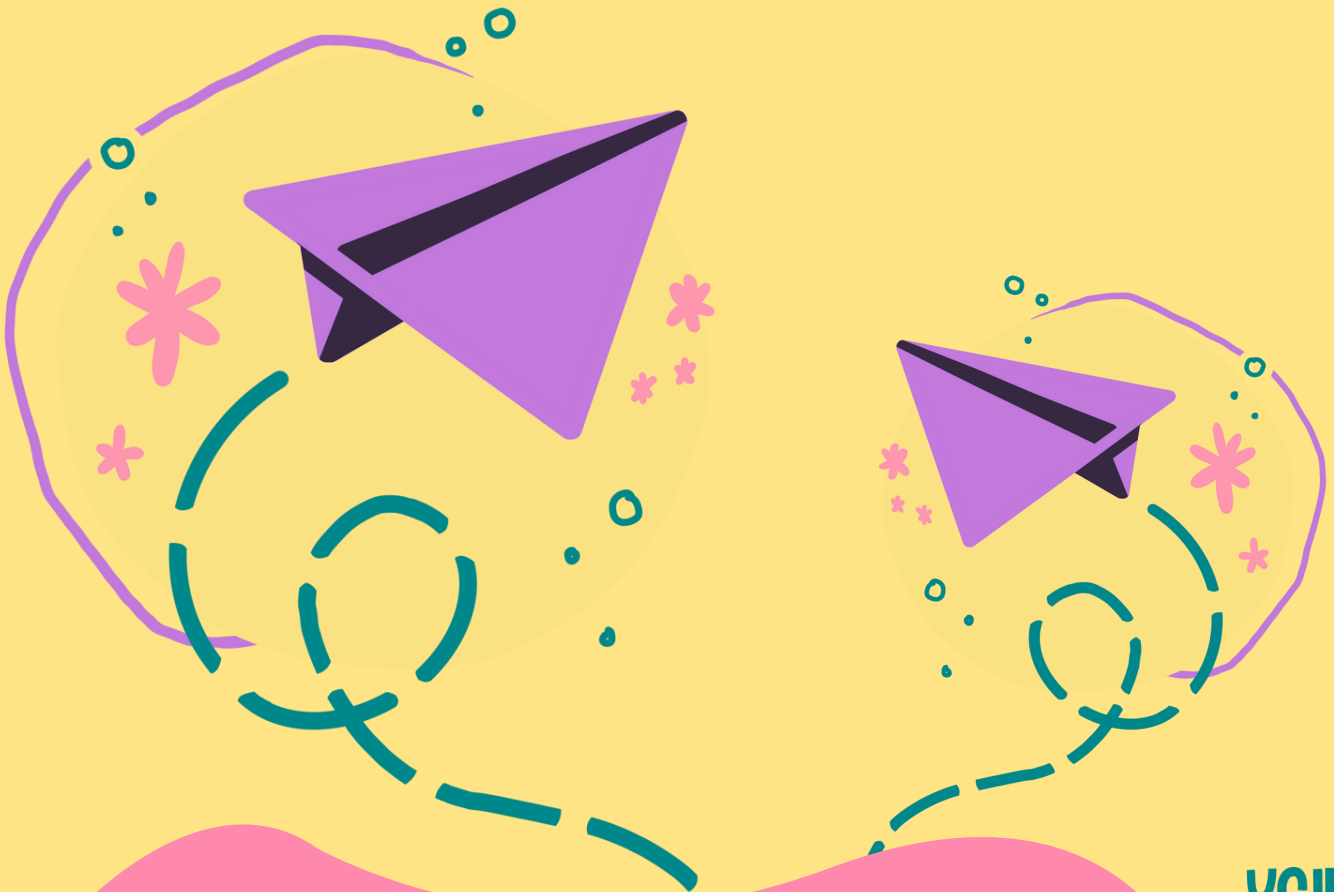
Frequently Asked Questions



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2024 Application Form





What is the deadline to apply?

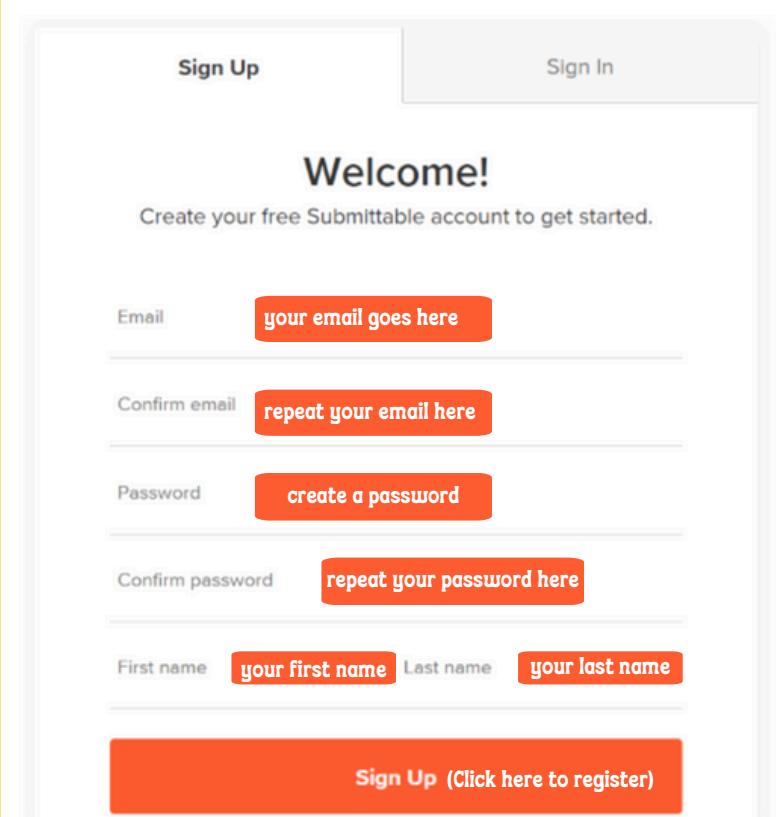

The YCJF application is open until July 1st, 2024, 23:59 UTC.

Where can I find the application form?

Here is a link to our [application form](https://youthclimatejusticefund.submittable.com/submit) where you can directly apply by clicking submit on your preferred language. Our application website – <https://youthclimatejusticefund.submittable.com/submit> – is available in Arabic, English, French, Hindi, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swahili.

Do I need to create an account to apply?

Once you visit the [application form](https://youthclimatejusticefund.submittable.com/submit) and click on submit, you will be asked to create a Submittable account using your personal email address, creating a password and filling your first name and last name.



Sign Up Sign In

Welcome!

Create your free Submittable account to get started.

Email

Confirm email

Password

Confirm password

First name Last name

Sign Up (Click here to register)

Once done, you will receive an email from Submittable asking you to verify your email address. Click the link to verify, and you can start filling our application form.

I registered on Submittable but I did not receive my confirmation email?

It can take up to about 15 minutes for you to receive the confirmation email. Please refresh your inbox and check all your folders (including spam/junk, updates, etc) to make sure you do not miss the email.

Can I save my application and continue later?

Yes. You can save your answers and return to your application later. Remember to click **save** when you answer a new question. If your phone or computer is running out of power, internet data or you need to stop filling the form to attend to something urgent, just click save and you will receive a link to your email which you can use to continue your application later. Only click the submit button after you have completed the form.

How long does it take to fill the application form?

We estimate between 30 to 60 minutes to complete your application.

Can I submit my application via email?

The recommended means to submit an application is through our online application platform which you can access here: <https://youthclimatejusticefund.submittable.com/submit>. In situations where applicants are unable to access the online application platform, they can contact our Regional Leads at ask@ycjf.org to work with them to find a solution to submit their applications

Who can apply to the Youth Climate Justice Fund?


Youth-led climate justice groups that are inclusive, intersectional and championing collective action on climate change. Please read our criteria here: <https://ycjf.org/how-to-apply>

Do I need to be legally registered?

No, formal or legal registration is not required.



Can an Individual apply to the fund?



Our goal is to fund movement building and grassroots organisers. This means an individual can apply if their work is part of / supports an identified collective or climate justice group.


We just started my organisation or group, can we still apply since we are new?

Yes! Every youth-led organisation, group or collective can apply regardless of whether they are newly established or have several years of experience.

Can I submit more than one application?

No. Due to high volumes of applications, we recommend applicants to submit one application per group, organisation or individual. You can explain your projects in the application form.

My group doesn't have an annual budget. What should we do?



Annual budget is not a requirement. If you are a newly established group with no annual budget, select 'no' when answering that question.

My annual budget is above \$100,000. Am I ineligible?

Our current call for proposals is for emerging groups that lack resources. These groups can apply for up to \$20,000 to support their core work or project activities. Well established groups with over \$100,000 annual budget are not eligible for the current call for applications. Instead, you can contact us to discuss potential partnerships.

How can I access and upload the budget using the template provided?

You can upload your budget in your preferred format. We have also provided a [budget template](#) in the application form on Submittable that you can use. Download the template, fill it, and upload in the budget section of the online application form.





I can't find my region in the list, what should I do?

We are by no means perfect in the regional divisions. We encourage you to apply using the region that is closest to yours. For instance, if you are from Western Balkans, you can choose Europe and Central Asia.



When can I expect to know the outcome of my application?

We will be reviewing applications as they come as we are receiving very high volumes of applications. We expect to inform all applicants on our decision by September 30th 2024.



If my project is selected, when will I receive the funds?

The grant transfer is expected to reach all successful applicants by 31st December 2024. This means you should plan to implement your project in 2025.




I want to partner with the YCJF to support my project

Our grantees are our partners. The first step to a partnership is applying to our grant. Please make an application on our [platform](#) and specify your partnership needs under the project description.

I cannot find a Regional Lead for my region on your website, what should I do?

Our Regional Leads are still being onboarded so keep checking our website for updates. We currently have 5 regional leads covering South Asia, Asia-Pacific, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. The Regional Leads are not necessarily representative of the entire region but rather individuals who can work to support our grantee partners in the region. Reach out to any of our regional leads if you are not sure of the region in which you belong to and they will assist you.

I do not need funding. Can I apply for capacity building support?



If you do not need funding but are interested in our capacity development program, send an email to hello@ycjf.org with details about the kind of capacity you wish to develop.



FAQ about the YCJF

What do we mean by 'addressing climate and socio-environmental justice'?

We mean solutions, campaigns, and projects that address the climate crisis by jointly tackling marginalisation, exploitation, and oppression, and enhancing community power, equity and justice.

What do we mean by 'youth-led'?

We believe that "youth" holds many meanings and contexts depending on worldviews and contexts. We believe that balancing between older youth under 35 years old who are discriminated against or marginalised based on class, ethnicity, Indigenous Peoples' identity, gender, etc. and very young activists who also face similar structural barriers, is key.

What is the "youth-to-youth" capacity program?

Young people supporting each other in peer-to-peer capacity development are the best providers of development services due to their shared experiences and understanding. We will co-build and refine the youth-to-youth capacity development depending on each cohort of grantee partners.

How is the YCJF funded?

Our initial set-up costs and seed funding is being provided by individuals and philanthropies – rather than private or listed companies. We do not accept funding from anyone who is not aligned with our principles and values.

We can ask up to \$20000 USD, but can we apply even if our collective needs more funding?

At this stage, local and national groups can only apply to up to \$20,000.

We are a regional or international focused group. Can we apply?

Our 2024 open call is only for national and local groups.

***Please read carefully and only send us an email if your questions are not answered. Kindly note that we will not reply to emails with questions that are already answered here or on our website.**

2024 Application Form

***Please review the questions for the 2024 Application before submitting via Submittable.**

SECTION A – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Is your group a youth-led organisation/collective?

Yes / No*

***Please remember that if your organization/collective is not youth-led, you are not eligible to apply for our grant application.**



Is your group legally registered with an official bank account to receive grants? (Please note that both registered and unregistered groups are eligible to apply to the YCJF)

Yes / No

If not, do you have a fiscal sponsor or partner organisation who can receive the grant on your behalf if successful?



Yes / No

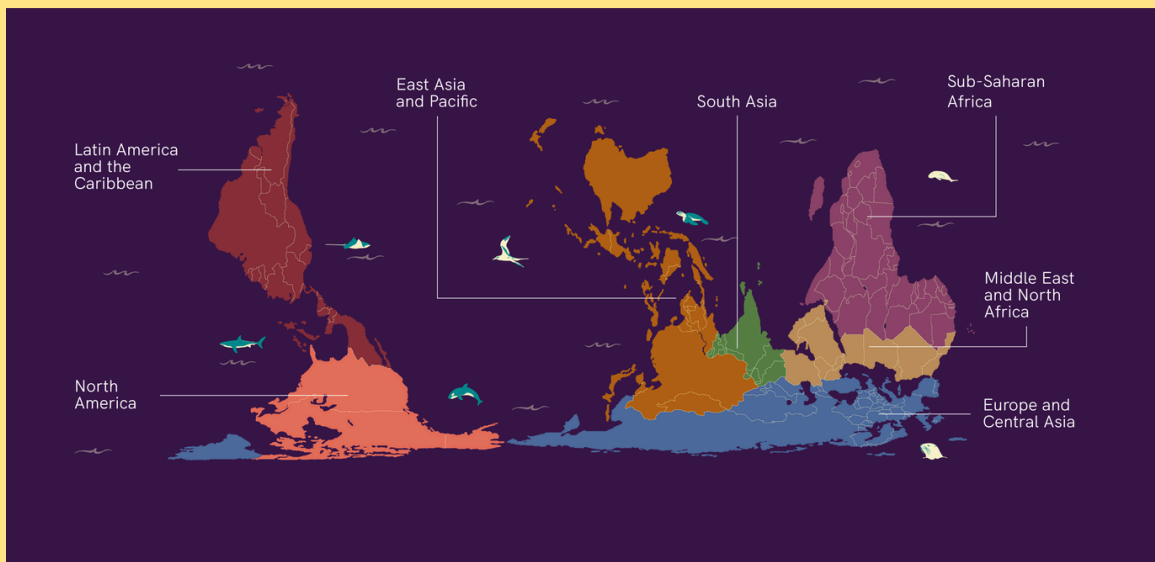
Which region is your group based?

(Applicants from high-income countries should belong to a minority or underserved groups to be considered for funding. Groups that focus solely on international engagements without any community-based work are ineligible to apply).*



- East Asia and Pacific
- Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America & Caribbean
- Middle East and North Africa
- North America
- South Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa

***Please refer to the map below to identify your region**



Does the leadership of your group identify with any of the following:



- Indigenous-led
- Womxn-led (including women led, non-binary leadership, etc),
- LGBTQI2S+-led
- Local community-led
- People of colour-led
- Differently abled-led
- Refugees-led
- Children-led

How old are the people in the position of decision-making of your group?

- 19 and below
- 20 - 24
- 25-29
- 30 - 35
- 35 and above



Is at least 75% of the community served by your group under the age of 35?

Yes / No



Does the work of your group focus on holding policy makers accountable?

***This may include (but is not restricted to) campaigns and activities aimed at urging or supporting decision-makers to implement their climate and environmental promises.**

Yes / No



Does the work of your group focus on raising ambition on equitable and fair climate action?

***This may include (but is not restricted to) activities that address the lack of urgency on climate and environmental action by presenting ambitious indigenous/locally-led solutions, and approaches that can be scaled by governments, businesses and society.**



Yes / No

Does the work of your group focus on cultivating diverse leadership rooted in fair and equitable climate action?

***This may include (but is not restricted to) activities that build youth-leadership in practical ways to enhance community and collective power in delivering climate action.**



Yes / No

Does your group have an annual budget?



Yes / No

If yes, how much is the annual budget?

(YCJF open calls prioritise emerging grassroots groups. We recognize that established youth-led groups with an annual budget of over \$100,000 can face challenges sustaining their work. If you are in this category and believe your work is aligned with us, please reach out via ask@ycjf.org)

- 0 – 10,000
- 10–25,000
- 25–50,000
- 50–100,000
- 100,000 and above

***Range of budgets in USD**

SECTION B – GROUP / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

If you have made it to this stage, it means you are eligible to apply. If you need any help completing your application please contact our Regional Leads via ask@ycjf.org

Name of your group

Short answer

What is the primary location of your group's work?

Short answer (list of regions)

Name of the Proposal Lead
***The person making the application**

Short answer

Position of the Proposal Lead in the group

Short answer

Date of Birth of the Proposal Lead

DD/MM/YYYY

Point of contact of the group (email/whatsapp, telegram, signal/phone call)

Short answer

What is the primary objective and strategic vision of your group?

Short answer

Briefly describe the main project/activity the group is seeking support for.

Short answer

**Max 200 words – (This can be anything from specific activities of your group or simply maintaining your staff and operational costs)*

What has the team achieved so far and how will this grant build upon your existing achievements, if any?

Short answer

**Briefly describe a problem you identified and tackled in the past that might be related or unrelated, and how those experiences can be deepened with this grant*

How do your previous achievements and current project align with YCJF's objectives to hold policy makers accountable, raise ambition on equitable and fair climate and environmental action, and cultivate youth leadership rooted in community power?

Short answer

**Max 100 words.*

List any partners or allies your group is working with.

Short answer

**Max 50 words.*

How does your group incorporate or plan to incorporate principles of justice, diversity, and inclusion into the efforts aimed at supporting underserved groups?

Short answer
*Max 100 words.

Where do you see your group 3 years from now?

Short answer
*Max 100 words.

How much are you requesting in funding? (grassroots groups can apply from \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$20,000. International and regional groups with larger funding needs can contact us at ask@ycjf.org. Such groups can apply for up to \$50,000)

Short answer

What will you spend money on? Please upload your budget

You can download the budget template from [here](#)

What capacity building and organisation development needs does your group require in addition to the funding?
***How can we support you beyond this grant**

Short answer

To help us better understand your group and the work you do, please provide any relevant documents, links, or files such as project reports, annual reports, publications, narrative notes, or audio/video recordings of recent activity.



I agree with YCJF's policy to keep the information provided in this application for the YCJF 2024 grant cycle