



YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL APPLICATION

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Young Alumni Council (YAC) please complete the following application and return it to Alumni Relations via email, fax or postal mail.

Email: alumni@gvsu.edu Fax: (616.331.3596) Postal Mailing Address: Grand Valley State University, 1 Campus Drive, Alumni House & Visitor Center Allendale, MI 49401

Candidate Selection

1. Applications will be accepted at any time membership is less than 40 members.
2. Membership shall not exceed 40 members per fiscal year. No more than 5 members from one graduating class year can serve on the YAC simultaneously.
3. Criteria will be based upon past leadership roles, involvement while at Grand Valley State University, involvement as an alumnus, and enthusiasm for the YAC.
4. Each applicant shall have graduated within the past 15 years.
5. Selection will be made by representatives of the Alumni Relations office, and when appropriate, the Young Alumni Council.
6. All YAC members will be required to follow the Membership Guidelines at the end of this application.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Former Name	Grad Year

Home Address	City	State	Zip

Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail

Degree (GVSU)	Degree (Other)

Current Employer	Position

Employer Address	City	State	Zip

Business Phone	Business E-mail

Preferred Email Address for YAC communications:

Business

Personal

Why would you like to serve on the Young Alumni Council?

What qualities will you contribute that will improve the success of our programs?

What activities were you involved in while at GVSU?

How have you been involved with GVSU since your graduation?

What post-graduation activities are you involved with in your community, and in your work and personal lives?

In what specific ways could the GVSU Alumni Association and Young Alumni Council more effectively connect with students nearing graduation, and Young Alumni?

How did you hear about the Young Alumni Council?

Do you support the University financially?

Yes

No

I plan to, to join the YAC

In submitting this application, I am expressing my interest to become a member of the Young Alumni Council and after the Membership Guidelines, understand that being involved will be a commitment of time and energy.

Questions? Please Contact:
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MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

History:

The Young Alumni Council (YAC) of Grand valley State University was formed in May 2008 by a pioneering group of Young Alumni, in conjunction with the Alumni Relations office. At inception the YAC consisted of 25 members and has since grown to include a maximum of 40 members. New members are accepted on an as-needed basis to bring the membership at or near 40 members, and to ensure representation from a variety of groups, graduation years, majors, career sectors, etc.

Mission:

The Young Alumni Council (YAC) strives to promote the mission, vision, and values of Grand Valley State University, and the Grand Valley State University Alumni Association, while serving the unique needs of the Young Alumni population. The YAC will work closely with the Alumni Relations office and the Alumni Association to engage in relevant and meaningful programs and services for current and future young alumni, and to foster lifelong participation and philanthropic support.

Organization:

The Young Alumni Council is organized as part of the Grand Valley State University Alumni Association and shall be guided by the by-laws governing the Alumni Association.

Goals:

The YAC exists to support the following goals:

Event Programming

The YAC plans four main events per year specifically for Young Alumni, with a balance between educational, social, networking, sporting and community service offerings. Additional social and networking events may also take place intermittently. Each event will be purposeful, providing opportunities for personal and professional growth, and will be designed to meet the professional, educational, social and philanthropic needs of attendees while ensuring quality and excellence. Events will advocate for the needs and concerns of Young Alumni.

Communication

The YAC and Alumni Association recognize the important role Young Alumni play at GVSU. The YAC works to promote its programs and events and Alumni Association benefits, in order to engage and serve a greater number of Young Alumni.

Participation

The YAC exists to encourage and maintain the relationship between Young Alumni, and the University, fostering active involvement and helping to develop future volunteers and leaders. The YAC stresses participation in other areas of University life and members of the YAC hold spots on the Alumni Association Board, as well as at-large roles on the Alumni Association Awards Committee, to help select the Young Alumni and Outstanding Educator award winners.

Membership:

Terms of Active Membership

The members of the Young Alumni Council will be expected to actively contribute to the University financially and through involvement in YAC events, Alumni Association events, and on campus, during their time on the Council. Membership may remain in jeopardy should a member not meet these requirements.

1. YAC members are required to attend at least 2 of 3 scheduled YAC meetings, by phone or in person. If a member is unable to participate in a meeting, he/she will notify an Alumni Relations staff member at least 3 days prior to the scheduled meeting. Special consideration for absences is given with advance notice.
2. YAC members will also be expected to attend (2) Young Alumni events per year, and (1) volunteer event per year. The volunteer event may be hosted by the Young Alumni Council or the GVSU Alumni Association.
3. All YAC members shall be donors to Grand Valley State University. There is no minimum or maximum gift amount required. Through personal contributions and support of GVSU members may speak from experience when promoting the importance of giving back to Grand Valley. All council members will be asked to recommit their membership on an annual basis by filling out a renewal form.

Dismissal

1. In the case that a member's duties are not fulfilled according to the above "Terms of Active Membership" removal from the YAC will be considered.
2. Any officer being considered for removal from office will be notified in writing. That officer may then re-apply to the YAC for reinstatement.

Meetings

1. Meetings of the YAC will be held on the second Wednesday of January, May and September. When the September meeting falls in the week of the Labor Day holiday, the meeting will be delayed one week to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, for September only. The YAC can vote to change the day and time of the meetings with a 2/3 majority vote. Meeting locations rotate between the Allendale and Pew campuses.

Miscellaneous

1. The planning calendar and goals of the YAC are guided by the GVSU Fiscal Year calendar beginning on July 1 and end June 30.
2. Presently, no term limits exist for YAC members, however all members must have graduated within the past 15 years. It is anticipated that after prolonged, active membership on the YAC, alumni will apply to serve on the Alumni Association Executive Board.
3. All YAC members have equal voting rights. There is no YAC leadership board or executive committee, each individual is a member at-large.
4. Council members will set annual and long-term goals each year at the September meeting, with goals being voted on by all YAC members online, following the meeting. At that meeting suggestions will be taken for the adopted organization, and potential organizations will go to vote in a post meeting survey.
5. These Membership Guidelines may be altered, amended, or repealed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the YAC present at any of the YAC meetings.