

## YLC Description

**Snow City Arts** inspires and educates children and youth in hospitals through the arts. Working closely with the Family Services and Child Life departments and Chicago Public Schools in-hospital teachers, we deliver one-on-one arts education to children and youth at our four Chicagoland partner hospitals.

### Background:

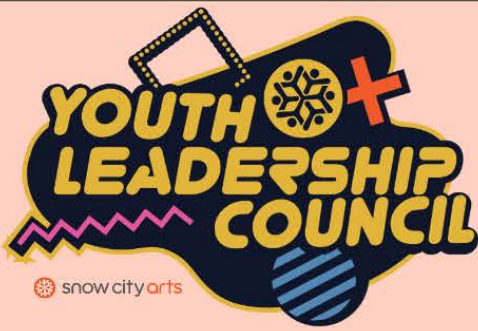
Snow City Arts' professional teaching artists engage children and young adults in inpatient and outpatient pediatric units through in-person and virtual workshops in visual arts, media arts, music, creative writing, theatre, and dance. Teaching artists collaborate closely with SCA program leadership, hospital Child Life staff, and in-hospital teachers to create and deliver rigorous, standards-based arts curriculum that is customized to each child's needs.

Through Snow City Arts, young people in hospitals experience the joy and empowerment of artistic self-expression, discover new talents and interests, and engage in creative decision-making—an invaluable experience in environments where personal choice is often limited.

Workshops are benchmarked to state and federal learning standards and, with parental consent, reports are sent out to schools so that homeroom and art teachers, along with nurses and social workers can consider the assignment of credit for work completed by the students while in the hospital.

### Purpose:

The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) supports young alumni leaders of Snow City Arts with the skills, knowledge, and networks to create meaningful change—both in their communities and in their own personal and professional growth. Through collaboration, advocacy, and experiential learning, the council provides a platform for youth to engage in transformative artmaking, strengthen leadership and problem-solving abilities, and influence organizational policy and programmatic decisions. Rooted in equity, inclusivity, and action, the council fosters a supportive space where diverse perspectives are valued, and alumni voices help shape SCA as an organization.



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## Membership:

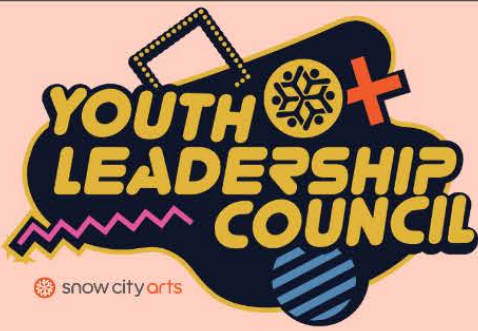
The Youth Leadership Council will consist of 8 to 15 members—all alumni of Snow City Arts programs—who will serve a one-year term (January 2026 – January 2026), with the option to renew.

A YLC position requires a commitment of time and energy to both individual work and productive collaboration. These positions offer volunteers a unique and exciting opportunity to shape the Snow City Arts experience while gaining valuable leadership and nonprofit management skills.

The YLC responsibilities include:

- Provide Strategic Direction – Develop an alumni engagement strategy, advise on programmatic and policy matters, and contribute to Snow City Arts' strategic planning.
- Strengthen the Alumni Network – Create resources and opportunities for alumni in art-making, education, fundraising, and advocacy while fostering connections with Snow City Arts.
- Enhance Communication – Implement youth-led initiatives, co-develop alumni roles at events, and provide feedback on programs.
- Support Snow City Arts' Mission – Participate in events, leverage social media, and connect professional, social, and educational networks to Snow City Arts.
- Lead and Represent – Attend 8 Snow City Arts events during the calendar year, such as Gallery Night occurring in mid-fall and Snowcase occurring in early 2026, and serve as trained spokespersons with advance notice, advocate on social media, and attend council meetings and leadership training.
- Embody an Artist Mindset – Bring creativity, collaboration, and innovation to all YLC engagement efforts. Create alongside one another through artwork prompts discussed at YLC meetings.





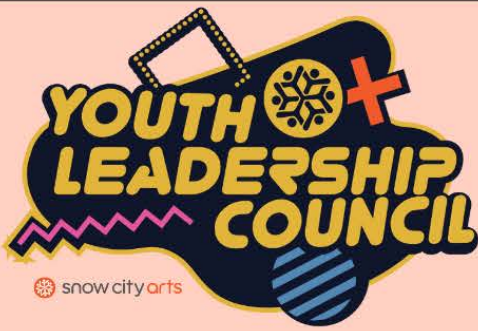
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## **Qualifications:**

To effectively contribute to the mission and goals of the Youth Leadership Council, members should have and want to develop:

- Alumni Status – Current or former participant of Snow City Arts programs.
- Commitment to Snow City Arts' Mission – Passion for arts education, advocacy, and supporting the next generation of artists.
- Commitment to continue to grow critical analysis of anti-racist, access-orientated, and non-gender bias frameworks and practices.
- Leadership and Collaboration Skills – Ability to work in teams, take initiative, and contribute to strategic decision-making.
- Strong Communication Abilities – Willingness to share perspectives in discussions, writing, and public engagement.
- Interest in Community Engagement – Desire to support fellow alumni, strengthen the network, and foster connections between Snow City Arts and external communities.

Professionalism and Reliability – Ability to attend YLC virtual and in-person meetings, participate in events, and fulfill commitments to the council. The council will meet virtually in the months of March, April, June, July, October, and December on a date and time voted on by the members of the council. Attendance at 6 events during the year and engaging with SCA in other communications 2-3 hours per month is the minimum expectation.



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## What YLC Members Gain:

The Youth Leadership Council is an opportunity to:

- 🎨 Learn about youth mobilization, artists, and arts communities
- 👥 Develop leadership and organizational skills
- 🗣️ Gain public speaking and advocacy experience
- 👉 Be part of a supportive and creative community
- 📖 Receive training and mentorship from Snow City Arts staff
- ✅ Two \$100 stipends (via gift cards) to each member of the YLC.

## How to apply:

Please submit your simple application materials here and send any questions to the YLC team at [programs@snowcityarts.org](mailto:programs@snowcityarts.org).

Applications are due Friday, December 12th. All Applicants will be notified of the next steps in the application process by no later than Friday, December 19th via email.

We need your expertise and perspective to help Snow City grow and develop more meaningful experiences for more young people. Join us!!