



Next Generation Advisory Council

The world-famous Appalachian Trail (A.T.), with its unparalleled scenic beauty and opportunities for adventure, can't take care of itself. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and the National Park Service are charged with protecting the Trail, now and for future generations. We need YOU to advise us on how to reach the next generation of Trail guardians and engage them in protecting this wondrous Trail. Become a member of the Next Generation Advisory Council and help us build a powerful voice for the People's Path: The Appalachian Trail!

What is the Next Generation Advisory Council?

The Next Generation Advisory Council, under the tutelage of the ATC Stewardship Council, helps to shape policies, campaigns, and strategies in order to safeguard the Appalachian Trail's future as a recreational, environmental, historical, and wellness asset for the world.

⤴ **Expectations**

The Next Generation Advisory Council will create a mission, vision, governance structure, and descriptive role for current and future Council members to follow.

To support the goal of broader relevancy, a facet of ATC's new [Strategic Plan](#), the 10-member Council will:

- Find pathways to increase youth involvement within ATC and on the Trail
- Add and strengthen diverse participation in ATC's management structure
- Provide opportunities for youth to contribute to, experience, and learn from Trail managers and partners
- Advise and inform ATC on partnership opportunities
- Be ambassadors and leaders for A.T. stewardship in their communities
- Infuse a younger and more diverse voice into ATC programs and policies designed to encourage membership, advocacy, and leadership

⤴ **Training**

- Council members will participate in a Training and Orientation workshop weekend which will include:
 - An introduction to the Cooperative Management System
 - Workshops on the conservation and stewardship concerns of the A.T.
 - Leave No Trace education and trail maintenance stewardship

⤴ **Commitment and Qualifications**

- One-year term commitment
- Communicate quarterly via Skype meetings
- Must be between the ages of 18-30
- Attend training meeting (tentatively April 14-16), and—if funding allows—the Volunteer Leadership Meeting August 26-28.

⤴ **Benefits**

Next Generation Advisory Council members will join an organization that has worked cooperatively for more than 90 years with land managers and agencies, nonprofits, communities, and thousands of volunteers. Professional development includes the opportunity to learn from ATC staff, as well as members of ATC's [Stewardship Council](#), [Regional Partnership Committees](#), [31 Trail Maintaining Clubs](#), leaders in designated [AT Communities](#), and agency partners. Questions? Contact Julie Judkins jjudkins@appalachiantrail.org

Preview application [HERE](#), when ready to submit, [APPLY HERE](#) by Oct. 20.