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FEMA Seeks Leaders for Youth Preparedness Council



FEMA is accepting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC), a program that brings teens together from across the nation who are interested and engaged in community preparedness.

Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness. Students in grades eight through 11 are eligible to apply. During their one-year term, council members will collaborate virtually with each other to develop projects that promote preparedness on a local and national scale. Members will also attend the council summit in July and engage with top leaders within FEMA, the federal government, and national non-profit organizations.

Youths interested in applying to the council must submit a completed application form and provide two letters of recommendation. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. PT, March 6, 2023. New council members will be announced in June. To access the application materials, read about the current council members, and for more information visit [FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council site](#).

If you have questions, please contact FEMA's office of External Affairs:

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FEMA Region 10 | STARR II Online Training Series

As FEMA Region 10's Professional Technical Services (PTS) provider, the Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR II) conducts an ongoing webinar training series for floodplain management professionals and other regional and national stakeholders.

STARR II webinars cover a wide variety of floodplain management topics including National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Basics, Floodplain Regulations, Floodways and the NFIP, Floodplain Mapping Basics, Permitting Floodplain Development, Floodplain Development Inspections, Floodplain Permit Review, Preparing for a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Contact (CAC), NFIP Flood Insurance, Elevation Certificate (EC) Basics, EC Review, Substantial Damage (SD) and Substantial Improvement (SI), Blue Skies Preparation for SD, Coastal Floodplain Management, Coastal Construction, Technical Bulletins, Letter of Map Change Requests (LOMCs), and more.

Each training session is led and supported by STARR II Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and includes a Question and Answer (Q&A) segment. Attendees are encouraged to participate throughout these trainings, with Continuing Education Credits (CECs) available for those logged in and attentive for the entire course. A current calendar of our upcoming online trainings can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

To register for any of these courses, [visit the STARR training site](#) or [send us an email](#).

Are there other topics you'd like to learn more about or see added to this list? [Reach out to the RSC Region 10 Training Team](#) to let us know!



The RISE Challenge 2021/2022



The Resilience, Innovation, Sustainability, and Environment (RISE) Challenge engages youth in developing community resilience to environmental hazards and is now a national program, operating in three states. As the RISE Challenge continues to grow, its impact on young people and their communities has increased as well. Youth across the nation are increasingly concerned about community resilience and combating the impact of climate change – and they want to start now. The Challenge meets this need by equipping young people to lead projects that increase their own community’s ability to both prepare and mitigate the effects of natural disasters.

In 2019, the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation partnered with Earth Force and FEMA Region 8 to sponsor the Rocky Mountain Environmental Challenge (RMEC). The RMEC was a competition in Fort Collins, Colorado that combined project-based learning with the latest research in science technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. With the support of the ASFPM Foundation, the RMEC has grown into the RISE Challenge in three states and is positioned to grow to several more in the coming years.

The 2021-2022 RISE Challenge was held in three states: Colorado, Illinois, and Montana. Over 35 projects were submitted, and 475 students were directly involved with the projects. As part of the RISE Challenge, Earth Force cultivated relationships with local government officials and community leaders for student project support and resources for educators. ASFPM Foundation representatives, along with local ASFPM members and ASFPM chapters, engaged local city and stormwater staff from the involved communities. State and local stormwater professionals assisted in the judging of student projects and provided local content information. The top five projects in each state receive a dollar prize award for their project, with all prize money being donated by the ASFPM Foundation.

To learn more about this initiative, please visit [ASFPM’s RISE Challenge website](#).

[View the 2021/2022 RISE Challenge Report](#) | [View the RISE Colorado Challenge 2019 winning presentation](#)

Ask the Help Desk:

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email: RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Online Training Calendar

(All times Pacific)

Course	Date/Time	Continuing Education Credits (CECs)
Intro to Substantial Damage & DRRRA 1206	February 16, 10 am	1
CRS: Intro to the CRS	February 21, 10 am	1
CRS: Flood Warning & Response (Activity 610)	February 22, 10 am	1
Coastal Considerations	March 16, 10 am	1
CRS: Preparing a Verification Visit	March 21, 10 am	1
CRS: Stormwater Management Regulations (Activity 450)	March 22, 10 am	1



To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site: j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.

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