

# YOUTH LEADERS FOR CLIMATE RESTORATION



*The Foundation for Climate Restoration (F4CR) is now launching the Youth Leaders 4 Climate Restoration program for bold youth leaders to obtain their certification in learning, speaking, and teaching about climate restoration. Upon completion of this 12-week program, participants will be eligible for the title of a Junior or Senior Certified Climate Restoration Advocate.*

*In addition to quality training, large speaking platforms, and opportunities to teach their peers, our youth will also have access to distinguished internship and scholarship opportunities with F4CR and our partners. This distinctive program will also provide our youth with a competitive edge in job and college applications.*

## APPLICATIONS

The Youth Leaders 4 Climate Restoration Program will have recurring applications **that open every five weeks**. Then students will be selected and put in cohorts with peers and mentors their age.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The program is composed of 3 sections that will last a total of 3 months

**SECTION 1:** After some short introductory videos by the Foundation, participants will learn about climate restoration and how to speak about it.

**SECTION 2:** Participants will complete formal speaking practice.

**SECTION 3:** Participants will learn and practice excellent leadership, mentorship, and citizenship skills.

## SECTION 1: LEARNING ABOUT CLIMATE RESTORATION AND SPEAKING PRACTICE

Participants will learn from qualified peers (in their age range) who have passed the competencies set out by the Foundation. From their mentors, participants will learn:

- **What climate activism is,**
- **The three branches of climate action** (mitigation, adaptation, restoration),
- **What climate restoration is,**
- **The Foundation's strategy to establish climate restoration as a priority worldwide** and to implement climate restorative technologies,
- **The current amount of carbon in the air and the carbon levels required for the Earth to be sustainable,**
- **The strategy and cost** of climate restoration,
- **The benefits** of climate restoration,
- **Why climate restoration is personally meaningful** to their peers,
- **How to speak about climate restoration** to different audiences, and
- **General speaking practices.**

Throughout this session, participants will also complete outside research to expand their comprehension of climate activism and restoration. They will participate in their first local webinar, where they will talk to their local community via the Foundation's local chapters.

## SECTION 2: FORMAL SPEAKING PRACTICE

Participants will then move into the formal speaking and practice section of the program. Here they will complete their 2nd and 3rd local webinar. For these webinars, we will work with our distinguished partners to offer formal speaking practice opportunities and webinars. We will also utilize our network of local chapters focused on climate advocacy to provide our youth with additional speaking opportunities.

Participants will then make a formal video about climate restoration. This video will be featured on the Foundation's website and promoted via the Foundation's social media channels. The participant will then give a formal climate restoration presentation to a certifying person approved by the Foundation. If the presentation does not meet certifying criteria, the participant will be given tips and can redo the presentation until they get approval from the certifying person. During this time, documents will be provided to mentees to set expectations of being a mentor to other peers. After internalizing the role of being a mentor, the participant will give their climate restoration presentation to their mentees.



## SECTION 3: LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP, AND CITIZENSHIP

During this section, mentors will teach their mentees about climate restoration, how to talk about climate restoration, and communication best practices. Participants in college/graduate school are required to complete a set amount of community service hours to obtain their certification. Though this is the recommended time frame to complete community service hours, these hours can be satisfied at any point throughout the program. Students must also display leadership through extra webinars and creative methods of expression (via social media, photography, graphic design, journalism, public speaking, and more).

### CERTIFICATION TITLES

After completing the three sections of the program outlined above, the participant will be eligible for one of two titles: Senior Certified Climate Restoration Advocate (college and graduate students) or Junior Certified Climate Restoration Advocate (high school students).

### SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Participants that have shown exceptional dedication to climate activism (have done additional seminars, community service, leadership, and similar tasks) will be considered for a scholarship. Two high school students will be chosen and two college/graduate-level students will be chosen per year to receive scholarships. The high school level scholarships shall be worth \$5,000 each and the college/graduate level scholarships shall be worth \$10,000 each. Scholarships will be presented at an annual banquet at the end of each year. Moreover, exceptional participants will also be offered internships to work for the Foundation within a variety of subjects (public policy, media and journalism, business, and STEM). Our program partners will also be providing internships and other opportunities to our exceptional students.

### OTHER PROGRAM BENEFITS

Program certification titles are very prestigious and can be used to apply for many scholarships, internships, and job opportunities. Participants are welcome to attend the banquet at the end of each year to network with our partners. Partners are invited to the banquet to witness the program's progress first-hand, donate, and invest for the program to grow in the next year.

### HOW TO APPLY

To apply, fill out the form, [here](#). For more information or to ask any questions, visit [f4cr.org](https://f4cr.org) or email [YouthLeadersClimateRestoration@gmail.com](mailto:YouthLeadersClimateRestoration@gmail.com).