



Youth Tenant Advisory Committee Tenant FAQs May 2025

The Youth Tenant Advisory Committee (YTAC) is a new initiative launched by Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) to centre youth voices in the development of a TCHC Youth Strategy.

It is rooted in a belief that when young people are equipped with the right tools, support, and space, they can initiate meaningful change within their communities.

This resource addresses some commonly asked questions about this committee.

What is YTAC?

YTAC is a group of youth tenants who help shape the future of youth programs and services at TCHC. It's a space where youth can share their ideas, grow as leaders, and make real change.

Who can join?

Youth between the ages of 14 to 29 who live in TCHC communities. We're looking for young people from across the city who care about making a difference.

What do YTAC members do?

YTAC members:

- Help guide TCHC's Youth Strategy.
- Share their experiences and ideas with staff and leadership.
- Join training sessions to build skills in leadership, advocacy, and more.
- Act as youth ambassadors in their communities.

What are the benefits of participating?

As a YTAC member, you can:

- Share your voice and experiences to help shape youth programs.
- Build leadership, advocacy, and decision-making skills.

- Get involved in real change that affects youth across the city.
- Receive mentorship, training, and networking opportunities.
- Earn an honorarium and gain valuable experience to add to your resume or school applications.

How often does YTAC meet?

YTAC meets four times a year (quarterly). There may also be extra events, consultations, or learning sessions you can choose to join.

What's the time commitment?

It's flexible and designed to work with your schedule. You'll be expected to attend regular meetings and take part in occasional learning or strategy sessions.

Is there an honorarium or other support?

Yes. Members will receive a modest honorarium and other incentives. You'll also get orientation, mentorship, and skill-building opportunities.

Will this affect my taxes or rent?

TCHC will make sure that the honorarium amount remains below \$499 so that you will not be issued a T4. If you're not sure how this would affect you, we encourage you to talk to a parent/guardian, Tenant Services Coordinator, or a tax advisor.

How long can I stay on YTAC?

You can stay on for up to two years, as long as you stay involved and are still within the age range.

What support will I get?

YTAC members will receive ongoing support from staff. We'll create safe, welcoming spaces and offer opportunities to learn, reflect, and lead.

How do I apply?

Applications open in late May and interviews will happen in late June. [You can apply online](#) or you can talk to your Community Services Coordinators - Engagement. They can help you fill out an application.

Where can I find more information?

You can read the [YTAC Terms of Reference \(PDF\)](#) to learn more about what's involved.

Questions?

If you have additional questions, please contact tenantengagement@torontohousing.ca or your **local Community Services Coordinator, Engagement**.