



FAQ for Virtual Summer '20 Youth Climate Activism Series

Who is NC WARN?

NC WARN is a nonprofit organization based out of Durham that is tackling the accelerating crisis posed by climate change by building people power for a swift transition to clean power in NC, and by promoting energy and climate justice. The Youth Organizing arm of NC WARN was created in 2017 with the intention to heighten awareness and participation among youth in fighting against the increasingly urgent climate crisis. We seek to encourage climate justice activism within local youth's schools and communities across the state. We want to empower young people and ultimately know that education and advocacy is the best way to do that.

Why are we offering this Summer Youth Climate Activism Series and what will it involve?

We are all impacted by the climate crisis, but youth are going to ultimately be the ones most impacted and too often are not invited to the conversation or able to amplify their voices within the movement. It is crucial that we shift that narrative so that young people are more directly involved in the call to action against climate change and climate injustices across the state.

Participants will learn about issues relevant to our state and NC WARN's mission like challenging Duke Energy's monopoly and their fracked gas expansion as well as climate injustices prevalent in Eastern NC. Additionally, the students will build skills towards leadership development and learning how to become effective advocates; create and facilitate their own climate justice webinar for other local peers; engage in project planning for local actions in the fall and beyond; and connect with like-minded students who want to advocate for change within their communities.

NC WARN focuses on local and state level campaigns and actions because we believe that sustainable change begins at home: our Summer Youth Activism Series will follow suit in its framework. Since we are still in a time of need for social distancing due to COVID-19 and will be for the foreseeable future, our program this summer will be held virtually but hopefully with a final wrap-up event in person if feasible and safe to do so by August.

Who is eligible?

High school students and those who just graduated high school in Spring '2020 who live and/or attend school in North Carolina are eligible to apply for our Virtual Youth Climate Activism Series. Whether you are attending a private, public, or charter school - or are homeschooled - so long as you either live or go to school within the state, you can apply!

What is the commitment from the participants and what are the benefits?

Participating in NC WARN's Summer Virtual Youth Climate Activism Series will help amplify youth voices in the climate and social justice realm and to develop their skill sets as local advocates and activists. Participants of the action team will receive education about environmental, social and climate justice issues, especially those that impact our communities here in North Carolina, and will in turn be able to spread awareness to their peers - enhancing their leadership skills and ability to communicate about important topics within the local community.

Students will each receive a \$250 stipend upon completion of the 5-week program, which requires twice-weekly attendance to our virtual sessions that will span for 2 hours (4 hours/week total commitment), as well as some offline prep work for sessions, from July 8-August 6. Upon completion of the Summer Youth Climate Activism Series, participants automatically become NC WARN Youth Members and will possess the tools, knowledge and network to sustain their engagement in the local climate justice movement.