

☀️ Class of 2026 Young Trustee Opportunity ☀️

Ever wondered how big decisions at Cornell actually get made?

This is your chance to find out — and be part of the conversation.

What Is a Young Trustee?

A Young Trustee is a **full voting member** of Cornell's Board of Trustees who brings a recent-student perspective into Board discussions.

- ✨ No prior board experience required
- ✨ You're *not* expected to have all the answers or agree with everyone all the time
- ✨ You *are* expected to show up curious, prepared, and engaged

Why This Is a Big Deal

As a Young Trustee, you will:

- ✓ Learn how nonprofit boards really work
- ✓ Participate in high-level decision-making
- ✓ Build leadership and strategic thinking skills
- ✓ Network with alumni and professionals across industries
- ✓ Stay meaningfully connected to Cornell after graduation

Many former Young Trustees describe this as a **transformative professional experience**.

Is This You?

You might be a great fit if you:

- Care deeply about Cornell and its future
- Like asking thoughtful questions
- Are interested in leadership, governance, or public service
- Want to grow personally and professionally

 **No résumé full of titles required.**

Time Commitment

Term: Spring 2026 – Spring 2029

Meetings: Three per year (Fall, Winter, Spring), all on campus

★ Often align with **Homecoming** and **Commencement**

- ★ Trustees are expected to review materials in advance
- ★ Attend **at least 50% of meetings** over 3 years

 Travel (within the continental United States), lodging, and meals for official meetings are covered by the College.

Support Along the Way

You won't be thrown into the deep end.

- Formal onboarding sessions during your first year
- Ongoing support from staff and fellow Trustees

You'll learn as you go — that's the point.

Selection Process

- Feb 19: [Applications open](#)
- [March 18 3:15-4:15 pm](#) or [March 19 7:15-8:15 pm](#): Virtual Info Sessions with current Young Trustees (optional)
- March-April: Make your appointment at the [Dungy Writing Studio](#) to consult on your personal statement (required), consult [Berry Career Institute](#) for application feedback (required)
- April 17: 1 Letter of Recommendation from faculty/staff and 1 Letter of Recommendation from a peer **due via email** to RuthAnn Scheer rscheer@cornellcollege.edu (required)
- April 20: Applications **close**
- May 7: Interviews **on campus** with the Board's Young Trustee Selection Committee

One member of the Class of 2026 will be recommended by the Board's Governance Committee and elected by the Board of Trustees.

Interested?

Questions are welcome!

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