**WHAT IS ECOY?**

The letters stand for Executive Council of Youth.

The purpose of ECOY is to:

1. Develop and utilize leadership skills among the youth of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Central Rocky Mountain Region.
2. Promote youth ministry programs offered by the general, regional, and local church manifestations of the Christian Church (DOC).
3. Promote the spiritual growth of the youth in the Christian Church (DOC) in the Central Rocky Mountain Region.
4. Help youth learn more about the make-up of the Christian Church (DOC) in all of its manifestations.
5. Provide opportunity for youth to participate in planning, implementing and evaluating Fall Retreat, Midwinter and CYF Camps.

The members of ECOY are:

- Two Adult ECOY Coordinators
- CRMR Associate Minister to Youth
- 6-12 Youth representatives from the region. The selection process will include seeking a balance in gender, racial/ethnic background and geographic representation in addition to leadership gifts and capabilities.

Time commitments for 2020-2021 include, but are not limited to:

- ECOY training & planning retreat – a weekend in August or early Sept. 2020
- Fall Retreat – a weekend in late October or early November 2020
- Winter planning retreat – a weekend in January 2021
- Midwinter Retreat – February 12-15, 2021
- Camp planning retreat with CYF Directors – a weekend in March or April 2021
- CYF Camp – a week in June 2021

ECOY is a leadership commitment. In addition to the dates listed, you will need to spend time in prayer and preparation for the events you will be leading. Many of the regional events take place on the weekend and if you make the commitment to be on ECOY, you need to be available on the dates listed. School dances, plays, athletic events, district competitions, part-time jobs... many of these take place on the weekends and if you are accepted to be an ECOY member, you will be expected to honor your commitment as a leader and you will have to make choices. Accepting the ECOY leadership position means you will be at the regional events.
CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR ECOY REPRESENTATIVE:
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Be a member of a Christian Church (DOC) in the Central Rocky Mountain Region.
2. Be an active participant in regional youth activities.
3. Be a current 9th – 11th grader who will be enrolled in high school during the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Provide confidential recommendations written by:
   a) Parent or guardian
   b) Pastor/Youth Pastor (not related to applicant)
   c) Adult of applicant’s choice not related to applicant (church leader, teacher, coach, employer, regional youth workers, etc.)

TERM OF ECOY MEMBERSHIP:

All ECOY Youth representatives will serve a one-year term. Representatives may re-apply at the end of each term. Term begins at time of selection in July of 2020 and ends at the conclusion of CYF Camp 2021.

EXPECTATIONS OF ECOY MEMBERS

1. Be a servant-leader that is visible, responsible and a positive example.
2. ECOY members and local churches are strongly encouraged to work in partnership to utilize the leadership skills learned by ECOY in the local congregations.
3. Provide leadership for CYF Camp, Fall Retreat and Midwinter Retreat.
4. Participate in regional youth events sponsored by the Christian Church (DOC) in the Central Rocky Mountain Region.
5. Each ECOY youth representative will attend the Executive Council of Youth Training Event and regular meetings (usually meets 3 times a year).
6. Sign an ECOY covenant that expresses they will live the CRMR Policies as a faith role model among their peers.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete the application.
2. Give recommendation forms to parent, pastor and another adult to complete with addressed mailing envelopes. The recommendations should be confidential and mailed directly to the CRMR Associate Regional Minister.
3. Return completed application form and completed recommendations to:
   Shelly Garrison
   3862 Deepgreen Lane
   Colorado Springs, CO 80917
APPLICATION FORM & REFERENCES ARE DUE ON JUNE 26, 2020
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF YOUTH (ECOY)
2020/21

APPLICATION FORM – page 1

Name ___________________________________________ Gender ______ Current Grade ________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________

     Street                                                                  City, State, Zip

Phone ________________________     Email _______________________________________________

Member of which local congregation ______________________________________________________

     Name     City

Youth Sponsor and Pastor ______________________________________________________________

Church Activities (Include positions held, participation in camps, retreats, etc.):

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School Activities and Awards:  ___________________________________________________________

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Interests and Hobbies:  _________________________________________________________________

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Please respond to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, attaching as many sheets as you find necessary. If you have served as ECOY before, make sure you update your answers and include ways that you have grown in your leadership.

1. How does your faith inform and empower your daily life?

2. Why do you want to serve on ECOY?

3. What gifts/abilities do you have that will benefit the youth of the CRMR?

4. Describe the level of commitment you are willing to have in serving on ECOY.

5. What is a quote, scripture or credo you try to live by? Why?

Application is not complete without signatures and the (3) letters of recommendation. All information must be submitted by June 26, 2020.

I have read the qualifications and expectations for ECOY. I will do my best to live up to all that is expected of me.

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________

I am aware and supportive of __________________________ and his/her application for ECOY representative. I will be in prayer for his/her growth and for a successful year for ECOY and youth ministry in the Christian Church (DOC) Central Rocky Mountain Region.

Parental consent signature: ______________________________________________

Return this and the previous page of your application by June 26, 2020 to:
Shelly Garrison, 3862 Deepgreen Lane, Colorado Springs, 80917
Or scan and email to: skgarrison50@gmail.com
Pastor / Youth Pastor
Letter of Recommendation for ECOY Representative

Pastor/Youth Pastor: Please complete this form and return it directly to the Central Rocky Mountain Region Associate Minister by June 26, 2020.

Name of youth you are recommending: ______________________________________________

Please indicate below why you recommend this person to be an ECOY member. Please indicate any hesitancy you have in recommending this applicant. Feel free to be honest and open with your thoughts and comments.

(Continue on back if necessary)

Is this applicant active in youth meetings/activities? Yes _____  No _____
Does this applicant attend worship at your church? Yes _____  No _____
Is this applicant active in other programs/ministries of your church? Yes _____  No _____

Please list the programs and ministries of your church the applicant participates in:

______________________________________________________________________________

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NOTE: Several of the leadership opportunities that are available to ECOY have additional fees and/or travel expenses. Hopefully, as the local church for an ECOY representative, you will be able to help with fundraisers or possibly have funds available for leadership development that could be used for a regional or national event for youth leaders. Information regarding these opportunities will be sent to the churches from the regional office and ECOY youth will be responsible for making any requests to the church board and/or congregation.

Signature of Pastor/Youth Pastor  ______________________________________________________
Title:   __________________________________________   Date:   ____________________________

Mail to: Shelly Garrison, 3862 Deepgreen Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917
Or scan and email to: skgarrison50@gmail.com
Parental Recommendation  
for ECOY Representative  

_Parent/Guardian:_ Please complete this form and send it to the CRMR 
Associate Regional Minister by **June 26, 2020**.

Name of youth you are recommending: ______________________________________________

Please indicate below why you recommend this person to be an ECOY member. Please indicate any 
hesitancy you have in recommending this applicant. Feel free to be honest and open with your 
thoughts and comments.

(Continue on back if necessary)

I understand the expectations for participation in ECOY meetings and events and will make sure that 
transportation is provided for my son/daughter. I am supportive of my son’s/daughter’s involvement in ECOY.

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________________________________

Date: _________________________

Mail to: Shelly Garrison, 3862 Deepgreen Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917
Or scan and email to: skgarrison50@gmail.com
Adult of Applicant’s choice
Letter of Recommendation for ECOY Representative

Adult of choice: Please complete this form and send to the CRMR Associate Regional Minister by June 26, 2020.

Name of youth you are recommending: _____________________________________________

Please indicate below why you recommend this person to be an ECOY member. Please indicate any hesitance you have in recommending this applicant. Feel free to be honest and open with your thoughts and comments.

(Continue on back if necessary)

Is this applicant active in youth organizations? Yes _____ No _____

Please list offices held by the applicant, if applicable:
________________________________________
________________________________________

Signature: _______________________________________________________

Title: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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