

Arizona Heritage Preservation Youth Council

Charter Document



Purpose

The Arizona Heritage Preservation Youth Council exists to provide a platform for motivated youth to engage in the preservation of Arizona's diverse historical, cultural, and natural resources. Through education, outreach, and action, members will work within their communities and peer networks to ensure that heritage remains a vital and celebrated part of the state's future.

Mission Statement

To empower Arizona's youth as lifelong stewards of history by uniting young voices to protect, celebrate, and advance our state's diverse heritage, strengthening communities today, and ensuring our stories endure for generations to come.

Vision Statement

The role of an Arizona Heritage Preservation Youth Council Member is to serve as a steward of Arizona's cultural, historical, and natural legacy. Members represent the voices of youth, lead projects that promote preservation, and inspire their peers and communities to value heritage conservation as a cornerstone of Arizona's future. They drive initiatives that not only advance heritage preservation, but also equip local youth, schools, and organizations with the knowledge and tools to sustain our work long-term. Through fostering local, statewide, and national collaboration. Councilmembers will expand the Council's influence beyond individual projects, building capacity to ensure that preservation efforts are scaled, inclusive, and enduring.

Goals

- 1. Preservation Education:** Learn professional preservation curriculum and practice hands-on skills through site visits and historic preservation projects throughout the state.
- 2. Community Engagement:** Attend engaging site visits, and participate in public events and share stories that connect youth and communities to historic preservation, inspiring peers through educational programs, outreach campaigns, and school engagement.
- 3. Sustainable Support:** Build sustainable support for preservation initiatives through creative fundraising and partnerships.
- 4. Policy & Civic Leadership:** Encourage youth involvement in preservation advocacy and policy initiatives and provide tools and training to leverage their voice with local and state elected officials and leaders.

