

FSY Off-Cycle Registration Opens Soon

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To: Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies in the United States and Canada in FSY off-cycle units

Copies: General Authorities, General Officers, Area Seventies, Coordinating Council FSY Representatives, and the following leaders in the United States and Canada in FSY off-cycle units: Stake and District Presidencies, Stake and Ward Clerks, Stake Young Men Presidencies, Stake and Ward Young Women Presidencies, Stake and Ward FSY Representatives

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For the Strength of Youth (FSY) conferences will be held in the United States and Canada in 2025. Youth in off-cycle units (those regularly scheduled in even years) can attend in 2025, if desired; however, there are a few things bishoprics should consider and discuss with youth and their parents before approving them to attend:

- Stake Assignment: Check if you are in an off-cycle unit.
- **Approvals:** Starting February 27, 2025, bishoprics in off-cycle units can approve youth for registration who meet the qualifications listed in the <u>FSY Youth Approval Tool</u> (view the <u>how-to guide</u>). Once approved, youth can register for any available sessions in their country beginning March 13, 2025. Please make sure your youth understand that receiving this approval does not register them for FSY.
- **Costs and Billing:** For each youth who registers for FSY, there is a ward fee and a participant fee. Unlike during on-cycle years, youth who attend during off-cycle years may be asked by bishoprics to cover both the ward and participant fees. <u>Learn more about FSY billing</u>.
- Participant fee: USD\$75 (CAD\$100) paid upon registration.
- Ward fee: USD\$75 (CAD\$100) paid by the ward or reimbursed to the ward.
- Virtual Session Fee: Only the unit is charged USD\$75 (CAD\$100) by FSY. The participant may be asked to cover the fee.
- **Virtual FSY Option:** This year, there is a new Virtual Session Only option for youth who have physical, mental, or behavioral health needs that cannot be met at an inperson session (see <u>requirements</u>) or who would otherwise have a more positive

experience from home. <u>Learn more about Virtual FSY</u>. Please note, if you approve youth for virtual sessions only, they will not be able to register for in-person FSY sessions.

- **ASL, French, and Spanish:** An American Sign Language (ASL) session is available for youth who are hearing impaired. There are also sessions with French or Spanish resources. <u>Learn more about language options</u>.
- Conduct: During registration, youth and parents or guardians must sign an agreement that includes the Conduct at Church Activities—FSY Conferences Guidelines that youth agree to abide by while at the conference. Breaking the standards may result in the youth returning home immediately at the youth's own expense and with no refund.