



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SESSIONS TFY 2026 APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The dates for TFY this upcoming summer are **July 13 to 31, 2026**.

All of the necessary documents can be found by going to **[tfy.rpts.edu](http://tfy.rpts.edu)**

All student applications and the session's recommendation form are to be submitted electronically and the forms allow ample space for writing responses. The program is designed for participants finishing their junior year of high school this year and entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2025 (approximately ages 16-18). Participants must be RPCNA Communicant members in good standing.

If your Session plans to recommend students for this upcoming summer, please have the forms electronically submitted no later than **March 2, 2026**. Space is limited to 35 qualified applicants. **The TFY fee (\$600)** is due by **June 15, 2026**, and checks should be made payable to "RPTS", with the student's name noted, and mailed to RPTS, TFY - Attn: Kim Backensto, 7418 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208. *Sessions may inquire into the availability of need-based scholarships, but in such circumstances, most congregations support their youth by assisting them with some or all of this expense.*

**Please Note:** Recommended students should be highly motivated, spiritually mature young people, who have an obvious passion for Christ and His kingdom. Due to the high interest in the program, not every applicant can be accepted; therefore, when completing the recommendations, make sure to clearly indicate why the session believes the student should be accepted. **If you write less than required on your application, it will be considered incomplete.** List information about the student's character, spiritual level and interest, his/her involvement in the church, etc. Since participation in TFY is highly competitive, the more information we have, the stronger the case for admitting your youth. Sessions must complete one recommendation form per student. We encourage pastors whose children are applying to assign the session recommendation form to another elder.

On the website you will find a session recommendation form, student application and instructions, a brief synopsis of the program, RPTS Statement on Human Identity and Christian Behavior and RPTS Community Standards, and a TFY brochure. Recommended students and their parents are **required to have read all these forms and policies** before their application can be accepted. Please make sure that you give the student and parents the appropriate enclosures or help them know where to find the forms on the website if you are going to recommend them to the program. Students and Sessions must fully complete the "Student Application / Session Recommendation" applications by March 2, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Backensto at [TFY@rpts.edu](mailto:TFY@rpts.edu) or call 412-731-6000.