



Student FA(a)Qs (Frequently Asked Awesome Questions) For getting started with the CYL Get Connected Portal

What is the CYL Get Connected Portal and why should I use it?

The CYL Get Connected Portal will be the new way for you to explore your passions and get connected to opportunities for service, leadership, and adventure. The portal, which is accessible through our main website or by going directly to the [portal link](#), will enable you to do some pretty cool things, including:

- Explore causes and nonprofits that fit your interests.
- “Fan” your favorite nonprofits and provide information about your interests so you never miss out on an opportunity that is just right for you.
- Easily explore, share and register for opportunities and events. <https://cyl.galaxydigital.com/>
- Log all your service hours and get insights on where you have made an impact.
- Track the service hours you earn inside and outside CYL through an awesome personal dashboard and printable service resume.
- Access resources and information to help you on your leadership journey.
- Document your process as you progress through the CYL Decalibron Summit Program and achieve your goals.

How do I log into the CYL Get Connected Portal?

If you have previously registered as a CYL Member then we have already started the process for you. You should have received an email with your user ID (email) and a temporary password that includes a link to activate your account. If you are unsure email us at info@coloradoyoungleaders.org. If you have never registered as a CYL member you can [sign up](#) directly from the portal. Please register using the email that you use most (and check)! This is how you will receive information about upcoming opportunities and confirmation that you have successfully signed up for an opportunity.

How do I sign up for a Service Adventure?

You can still go to the [Colorado Young Leaders website](#) like normal and select the [calendar](#) in the top right corner. The calendar will link you to the CYL Get Connected Portal to find

opportunities. Once you log in to the portal you can select '*respond*' for an opportunity that says: *CYL Service Adventure* or *CYL Leadership Event*. For a *CYL Individual Opportunity*, you may still choose '*respond*', however, you will have to follow the instructions to register through the external link. This will make opportunities much easier to sign up for - no more lengthy Google Forms!

What's the difference between a CYL Service Adventure, CYL Leadership Event, and an Individual Opportunity?

CYL partners with over 50 nonprofit organizations throughout the Denver Metro Area and the state of Colorado each year. While we collaborate to create awesome programs for you, we also highlight opportunities created by our partner nonprofits as a way to offer even more opportunities for you to explore your passions and serve in your community. Read below to understand the difference.

- CYL Service Adventure: a service opportunity designed by Colorado Young Leaders. By signing up for these opportunities you know that you will be serving with a group of CYLers from across our chapters.
- CYL Leadership Opportunity: a leadership opportunity designed by Colorado Young Leaders. These are also a great opportunity to gather with other CYLers and explore ways to lead.
- Individual Service Opportunity: a service opportunity provided by a trusted CYL nonprofit partner. There will be an external link to register or learn more about this opportunity.
- Individual Leadership Opportunity: a leadership opportunity provided by a trusted CYL nonprofit partner. There will be an external link to register or learn more about this opportunity.

You may still log your hours for individual events through the portal by adding the individual hours yourself through the platform.

What's the difference between events and opportunities?

Opportunities are service and leadership programs where you can earn and track hours. Think CYL Service Adventures, CYL Leadership Exploration Meetings, and individual opportunities through CYL's nonprofit partners

Events are fun events or programs that are not associated with service hours. Think fundraisers to support the CYL community, scholarship opportunities and fun community events that can help you lead through your passions.

Is the CYL Get Connected Portal mobile friendly?

Yes! Finally! You can access the portal from your phone to sign up for opportunities. To make it easier, create a bookmark on the home screen of your phone. You can sign up for opportunities through your computer or through your phone.

What about the Get Connected app?

Yes, there is also an app. At the moment, you cannot sign up for opportunities through the app. You can choose to download the app, but there are limited functions at the moment. When the

app allows for registration for volunteer opportunities, we will make sure you are the first to know!

What is the benefit of becoming a “fan” of a program or nonprofit?

You can follow a program or nonprofit’s opportunity postings by becoming a fan. If you fan a program, you will never miss something you are interested in we post a project or event on the CYI Get Connected Portal. There are several paths to fanning an agency in Get Connected. Here's perhaps the easiest:

- Go to the program or nonprofit profile page. (You can find pages by clicking Programs in the navigation menu and searching for the nonprofit or cause area.
- Click the Become a Fan button. The button text changes to read Fanned.
- Once you have become a fan, the text of the button will change to show that you have fanned the program. If you want to "un-fan" the program, click the Fanned button on the agency card.