

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a Junior Ambassador's role?

The Junior Ambassador's role is to support the lead teacher (or youth leader) and Young Tree Champions in delivering a Young Tree Champion project or club activities in their school (or youth group) leading on raising awareness by sharing news about their activities in fun and creative ways (art, stories, poetry, music), through various media including newsletters, blogs, videos, displays, assemblies, events.

Encourage other children and young people in their school to be a Force For Nature. During masterclasses Junior Ambassadors will also need to be willing to collaborate with other Junior Ambassadors from across the UK and participate in press and regional events, as and when opportunities arise.

### What is the difference between a Young Tree Champion and a Junior Ambassador?

Young Tree Champions are responsible for connecting, learning, caring and sharing the power of trees to help them deliver their school (youth) project or club activities. The difference is Junior Ambassador's need to demonstrate leadership, in terms of listening and supporting other Young Tree Champions in delivering their project or club activities in their school. Also using their new creative ideas and skills (gained from master classes) to connect to nature and raise awareness of their activities with the rest of the school and wider community in creative ways.

### When will we find out if our nomination has been successful?

We will notify the lead teacher by 9 January 2023.

### Who can be nominated to be a Junior Ambassador?

Your school or youth group must be registered on the Young Tree Champion programme to nominate a Junior Ambassador. If you are not yet a registered, [create a free club account today](#) and recruit your Young Tree Champions. [Find out more here](#). Students must be Young Tree Champions (involved in a Young Tree Champion project or club) to be nominated for the Junior Ambassador role.

### Who can nominate a Young Tree Champion to become a Junior Ambassador and how?

A teacher (or youth leader) can nominate a Young Tree Champion by completing the Junior Ambassador application form. We recommend that the teacher completes the application form with the Young Tree Champion as there are four questions they will need to answer - see application guidance for further support. We also recommend that lead teachers gain parental/guardian consent for schools to nominate a child to become a Junior Ambassador.

### How many Young Tree Champions per school can be nominated to be a Junior Ambassador?

Two students per school can be nominated to become a Junior Ambassador.

### Does The Tree Council have a safeguarding policy and do the Senior Ambassadors have DBS certificates?

Yes, all the National Schools Tree Council staff have enhanced DBS certificates. The Senior Ambassadors also have an enhanced DBS certificate and have received safeguarding training. A member of The Tree Council staff will be in attendance at every masterclass. For further information please read our [safeguarding policy](#) on the Young Tree Champion website.



### **What is the age range of Junior Ambassadors?**

Junior Ambassadors can be aged between 7 and 14 years old.

### **Will all successful ambassadors receive exactly the same support and training regardless of their age and ability?**

No, we want all ambassadors to get the maximum benefit from their training so we will tailor masterclasses to deliver bespoke training for primary, secondary and special school pupils. We will also gather feedback after each masterclass so that we can adapt future sessions.

### **Does our school need to be delivering a Young Tree Champion project to nominate a Junior Ambassador?**

No, your school does not have to have applied to deliver a whole school Young Tree Champion project. However you do need to be registered as a Young Tree Champion Club, and actively running activities with Young Tree Champions in your school.

### **How long does the Junior Ambassador role last for and how much time will they need to commit to being a Junior Ambassador, beyond being a Young Tree Champion.**

The role lasts until the end of the summer term. Junior Ambassadors will need to commit the same amount of time as they would as a Young Tree Champion to delivering their project. In addition, they will be required to attend at least **two masterclasses** and **complete at least two challenges** during school hours to gain the skills needed to fulfil their role and creatively raise awareness of the importance of trees and nature and their Young Tree Champion project or club activities. Two masterclass and two challenges will take a total of between 3 to 5 hours to complete, between January and May.

### **What are the 5 steps a Junior Ambassador needs to follow to be a successful ambassador?**

**Step 1:** Junior Ambassadors will receive their Junior Ambassador pack from their lead teacher containing an ambassador pin-badge, ambassador passport (to be signed by their teacher) and an email of congratulations from The Tree Council included in the email will be a link inviting the Junior Ambassadors to choose their masterclasses.

**Step 2:** The lead teacher will need to discuss with their new Junior Ambassadors which masterclasses they would like to attend and how it will benefit their Young Tree Champion project or club activities.

**Step 3:** Junior Ambassadors can attend the virtual masterclass (during school hours) or watch the recording (out of school hours), if necessary, which will be accessible on the website within the following few days.

**Step 4:** Junior Ambassadors will then need to complete the challenge set during the masterclass. This is likely to involve creating either a picture, story, poem, song or speech and sharing it with the Young Tree Champions and the rest of the school via either a blog, post on social media, display, assembly or other means.

**Step 5:** By the **1<sup>st</sup> of June** the lead teacher will need to have emailed [schools@treecouncil.org.uk](mailto:schools@treecouncil.org.uk) evidence of the Junior Ambassadors' completed challenges. A signed certificate will then be posted to the school, before the end of term. Junior Ambassadors are required to complete at least two challenges. The challenges will take between 1 and 2 hours to complete.



### **How much support do teachers receive to support Junior Ambassadors?**

The teacher who is currently leading the Young Tree Champion project or club in your school and nominating Junior Ambassadors will receive an email with further details about how best to support their Junior Ambassadors, including a link to the schedule of masterclasses on Eventbrite. Junior Ambassadors continue to be members of your Young Tree Champions club, however we estimate that an additional 1-2 hours will be required from teachers to support their Junior Ambassadors, over the year. These additional hours are likely to be centred on supporting their junior ambassadors to attend the masterclass or watch a pre-recorded version and deliver their challenge (write a poem, song, speech etc) for an assembly or blog post.

### **How much time will parents/guardians need to support Junior Ambassadors?**

A parent or guardian will be responsible for consenting to their child being nominated to become a junior ambassador. The Junior Ambassadors will be set a challenge which can be delivered out of school hours (writing a poem, speech, song) so we would be keen for parents to support them with this activity if possible.

### **When will Junior Ambassadors receive their welcome pack?**

Junior Ambassadors receive their welcome packs in mid-January.

### **What masterclasses will Junior Ambassadors receive?**

Masterclasses will begin with a "Being a Junior Ambassador" introductory workshop. This will be followed by a suite of exciting, inspirational and interactive workshops throughout the spring and summer terms, which Junior Ambassadors will be able to book onto in advance. Masterclasses are all designed to support Junior Ambassadors in raising awareness of the importance of trees and their project or club activities. All masterclasses will be recorded for Junior Ambassadors who can then watch in their own time.

If you have any other questions, please email [schools@treecouncil.org.uk](mailto:schools@treecouncil.org.uk)

