



Youth Council 2017-2018 Application

Application Deadline:
Friday, June 14, 2017

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Applications accepted via email and mail. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before June 14, 2017.

Youth Council

Role of the Governor's Prevention Partnership

The Governor's Prevention Partnership is a statewide prevention organization that works to prevent and address issues affecting our youth. What started as an organization focused solely on preventing the devastating effects drugs were having on the workforce has evolved into the only statewide organization that prevents bullying and youth violence, underage drinking and substance abuse, and provides long term-mentoring relationships. Our work helps parents, educators, community leaders and concerned adults protect and give hope to the children in their care, and offers peer-to-peer support by supporting and developing resources that prevent underage drinking and substance abuse, prevent youth violence and bullying, and promotes youth mentoring and peer to peer interactions

About the Youth Council

The Partnership believes that young people are an essential part of our work to prevent underage drinking and substance use. Youth have a critical voice in our decision making, program planning, and advocacy work. The 2017-2018 Youth Council will be comprised of up to 15 high school students from around the state who will assist The Partnership in decision making, campaign development, and advocacy efforts. The members will be the youth voice that work with Partnership staff to create effective plans for prevention. Members of the Youth Council will receive training on substance abuse prevention, leadership, communication, and advocacy. They will have the opportunity to network with other youth and with adults in the prevention field, and be given opportunities to put their leadership skills into practice. Members of the Youth Council will work together to plan and execute a prevention campaign. They will also be offered opportunities to participate in media interviews, testify before the state legislature, attend meetings with key stakeholders, and participate in Partnership events. Youth Council members will also work closely with members of the Partnership's Youth Advisory Board to for mentoring, guidance, and support.

The Governor's Prevention Partnership is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Up to 7 new members will join the 8 current members of the Youth Council beginning in July 2017.

Council Meetings

The Youth Council will meet in person at least once per month from July 2017 through June 2018. Meetings are scheduled at times chosen by members, typically late afternoon and evening during the week. Meetings are held in central locations, to accommodate members from around the state. Council members must provide their own transportation to and from meetings. Meeting dates for 2017-2018 will set by members in July 2017.

The Youth Advisory Council meetings will be comprised of networking opportunities, trainings on a variety of substance abuse related topics, collaboration between the youth and The Partnership, and the development of a community awareness campaign. Youth Council membership requires a commitment of at least one academic year.

Please note: In order to remain a member of the Youth Council, youth must attend at least 80% of meetings. Please consider this when submitting an application.

Eligibility

- The Youth Council is open to current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled in any public or private high school in Connecticut.
- Applicants the Youth Council should be in good academic standing (no lower than a “C” average overall).
- Preference will be given to applicants who are willing to make a commitment to the Youth Council of more than one academic year.
- Applicants must be nominated by an adult in their school or community who has knowledge of their leadership skills and commitment to community service.
- Submit completed application, nomination form, and parent/guardian consent form by June 14.
- Students participating on the Youth Council are role models to their peers. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to community service, particularly in activities related to substance abuse prevention. Applicants should demonstrate leadership within their school or community.

Selection Process

Participants will be selected from the pool of applicants by staff of The Governor’s Prevention Partnership. Those selected will be notified no later than June 23, 2017.

Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of members of the Youth Council include:

- Commit to active membership on the Council for at least one full academic year. Members must also be a student in a public or private high school in Connecticut.
- Attend meetings as scheduled and provide own transportation.
- Complete any action steps in between meetings, as requested. This may include - but not limited to - brainstorming, researching topics, brief write-ups and implementing activities.
- Participate in any group conference calls and online discussions.
- Speak with members of the press or public on questions related to substance abuse prevention at the direction of Partnership staff.

Benefits of Membership

Youth Council members have an opportunity to be involved on statewide substance abuse prevention and advocacy opportunities. The Youth Council provides a platform for high school students to use their voice and make a positive impact. Participants will improve their leadership and communication skills, and learn advocacy and prevention strategies. Other benefits include:

- Certificate recognizing your participation
- Great addition to a college application, demonstrating leadership and commitment to improving your community
- Mentoring from young adults working in the substance abuse prevention field
- Preference for college level internships with The Governor’s Prevention Partnership



Youth Council Applicant Nomination Form

Name of nominated youth: _____

Nominated by: _____ Title: _____

How long have you known the youth are nominating? _____

Briefly describe why you feel that the nominee should be considered for the Youth Council:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact information for follow up or questions:

Email: _____ Phone: _____



Application

Name: _____ D.O.B. _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent or Guardian Name: _____

School: _____

Teacher or Advisor Name: _____

Teacher or Advisor Email: _____

If a sophomore or junior, are you willing to commitment to more than one year of work with the Youth Council: Yes
No (circle one)

Please list all activities, accomplishments, community service, volunteer work, special awards and recognitions you have received:

I have read the enclosed description of the Youth Council, and I am willing to commit to serving as a member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Please briefly answer the following questions and submit with application on a separate sheet.

1. Why do you want to become a member of the Youth Council?
2. What do youth think is one major issue facing youth in Connecticut where the Youth Council could serve as a resource to promote youth making positive decisions?
3. What do you feel youth need to be successful from community organizations, schools, local and state government, and statewide youth groups?



Parent/Guardian Consent Form

I give _____ permission to participate in the Youth Council. I understand this Council was established to help advance the organization's mission to keep Connecticut's youth safe, successful and drug-free. I understand the roles and responsibilities of membership. I also understand the committee members provide their own transportation to and from meetings.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____