

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL 2019 - 2020 APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in joining the DC Health Youth Advisory Council (YAC). We look forward to reviewing your application for participation. Please visit DC Health's website to email your completed applications to the attention of Mr. Kamil Quander at DCHealthYAC@dc.gov by **March 29, 2019**. All information and responses are confidential. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Quander at (202)754-2387.

Purpose of the YAC:

- To provide a youth perspective on related health topics presented by the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board
- Ensure activities of DC Health continue to meet the needs of young people in the District of Columbia
- To develop young leaders with critical thinking abilities who can share their knowledge and skills with the community
- To develop and lead projects that influence the positive development of their community and those who reside in it

Benefits to YAC members:

- Members will be trained in a wide variety of topic areas including health promotion, prevention, advocacy, and program planning
- Members will gain invaluable professional experience and exposure to a range of professionals in public health, while aiding in the positive development of District youth
- Members will create and lead local advocacy efforts
- Members will increase their knowledge of key public health policies and concepts
- Members will receive a travel voucher for each completed YAC activity
- Members will receive a stipend based upon attendance and participation

Requirements of YAC members:

- Applicants must be a 9th – 12th grade student, currently enrolled in a DC Public School or DC Public Charter School
- Members must commit to 10 months with the option for a summer internship following the first year of service
- Members must commit to a two-day orientation in August 2019
- Members will meet every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm for approximately 2-3 hours (additional hours may be required for projects, which may include up to 25 hours some months)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Youth Advisory Council (YAC) 2019 – 2020 application
 - Please send your application to DCHealthYAC@dc.gov (Attention: Kamil Quander).
- ☐ Responses to four (4) short answer questions

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Application Timeline:

Round 1 – YAC Application Due: Friday, March 29, 2019

Round 2 – YAC Interviews: April 2019

Round 3 – YAC Acceptance Period: May 2019

Round 4 – YAC Kickoff/Meet and Greet: June/July 2019

Round 5 – YAC Orientation: August 2019

General Information (Please Print)		
Full Name		Age
Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)		
Date of Birth (XX-XX-XX)	What Ward do you live in? (Ward 1-8)	Best method to reach you? Home Phone ____ Cell Phone ____ Email ____ U.S. Mail ____
Cell Phone () Home Phone ()		Gender Male ____ Female ____ Non-Binary ____ Other ____
Social Media Accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) Facebook: _____ Instagram: _____ Twitter: _____ Other: _____		
Preferred Email Address		Alternate Email Address
Grade This coming fall I will be entering the ____ grade.	A trusted adult at your school whom you would like to serve as your YAC liaison Full Name: _____ E-mail: _____	
Parent (s)/Guardian(s) name(s):		Name of School: This school is a DC Public School ____ DC Public Charter School ____
Interests and Hobbies:		
How did you hear about us?		

Short Answer Questions (please print or type)

Please help us get to know you by answering the following questions in 1-2 paragraphs. Feel free to handwrite or type your responses on this form.

Remember, your answers are for the sole purpose of getting to know you and will not be used as an evaluation of your writing ability.

1. **Describe your strongest positive character trait and how you think this trait will serve the Youth Advisory Council?**

2. **In your opinion, what are/is the greatest issue(s) facing young people in the District of Columbia today?**

3. If provided the resources to address the issue(s) identified above, how would you choose to address the issue(s)?

4. How do you plan to take what you learn from the Youth Advisory Council back to your school?