

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Application

Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Best way to contact you: _____

Medical Conditions/Allergies we should be aware of: _____

List Days and Times of Other After School Activities: _____

Would you like to receive text/email alerts about upcoming activities? Y N

Are you required to fulfill a specific number of volunteer hours? Y N If yes, how many? _____

What is your favorite book or series? _____

What is your favorite movie? _____

What are your hobbies or favorite activities? _____

Why do you want to be a member of YAC? _____

What is one of your best skills or talents that you could share with other kids as a YAC member?

What do you like most about what the library already does for tweens and teens? _____

What would you like to see the library change about what we do for kids? (This can include programs, computers, the teen reading room, etc.) _____

General Membership:

The YAC General Membership are a volunteer group whose members work on library projects, provide ideas and event feedback, and help plan YAC and library events under the leadership of the Leadership Council and library staff. General Membership is open to any local youth from 5th to 12th grade. The primary role of YAC members is to suggest and work on task force projects, volunteer to help with events, and create Youth Run Events. YAC members also help spread the word about library events and offer feedback about events they attend.

Responsibilities & Guidelines:

Attend all meetings and actively participate, and be a responsible library user and role model at YAC and other library events by acting in a way that reflects positively on the library. Arrive on time for all meetings and events and follow through with commitments made to YAC. Help promote youth participation at the library, be a library advocate, and promote reading and library use. Volunteer one hour every month and be respectful of the staff, each other, and the library.

Mission Statement:

The East Adams Library District Youth Advisory Council's mission is to engage youth as lifelong library users by promoting reading, volunteering, and participation in the library. YAC members help plan and execute library events and projects with library staff to make sure they reflect youth interests and the library community. YAC members also advocate for the library and take up leadership roles in improving the library for the communities in the East Adams Library District.

Member Acknowledgement:

I have read the Youth Advisory Council Mission Statement and Responsibilities & Guidelines. I am aware that being a YAC member may require a commitment of up to 5 hours a month for meetings, projects, and attending programs. I am aware that my membership can be revoked if I fail to participate or if I do not follow library standards of behavior.

Sign _____

Date _____

Parent Acknowledgement:

I am aware my youth is applying to become a member of the East Adams Library District Youth Advisory Council. I understand his/her commitment is to attend meetings and to help with other library events as needed. I also give permission for photos of my child participating in library events to be used for library publicity (no *full* names will appear with photos or creative works submitted by youth appearing on the library webpage or social media accounts).

Sign _____

Date _____

There are more things a general YAC member can do to become a member of the Leadership Council (*and get extra perks!*) Talk to Miss Millie about how to become a member of the Leadership Council today!

Leadership Council

What is the Leadership Council?

They are an elite force of youth who meet on a regular basis to help plan and carry out clubs, activities, special events and projects. They also serve as the leaders of the General Membership.

How Do You Become A Member?

There are a few things that you have to do to earn the right to be a member. It will be a challenge but you will definitely enjoy the perks that you will get from being a member. The MOST IMPORTANT thing that you will do is to bring *three friends to at least two activities each year*. You are also required to *be here before and after activities* to help set up and take down each activity.

What Is Their Mission?

Your mission is simple. Help library staff plan fun events just for tweens and teens, and spread the word that the library isn't for nerds and old people. It's a great place to be!

What Are The Perks?

Bragging rights, cool library swag, and parties just for the Leadership Council!