



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Questions? Contact [info@TxSDY.org](mailto:info@TxSDY.org) or 512.442.7501

### 1. Who should apply? Youth that can answer “yes” to all of the following criteria:

- I am concerned about youth alcohol and other drug use in my community and across Texas.
- I want to be a part of a statewide leadership organization.
- I am prepared to learn new skills and how to be a civically engaged community member.
- I am willing to plan and participate in activities in my community. These activities will be planned between the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) and Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth (TxSDY) based on proven strategies.
- I am between the ages of 16 and 20.
- If selected for the YLC, I will participate in two YLC Training Retreats (Dates TBD).
- If selected for the YLC, I will participate in the Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth Summit (Dates TBD).

View the Youth Leadership Council info sheet for additional information by going to [youth.TxSDY.org](http://youth.TxSDY.org).

## APPLICATION MATERIAL CHECK LIST

- Youth Leadership Council and Agreement
- Two recommendations for your application and one letter of recommendation. Must include reference contact information later in this application. (See note below.)\*

### Additional requirements for applicants who are in high school or are not yet 18:

- Parental Consent (included in this application)
- Adult sponsor contact information (space provided in this application)

In addition, please note that you will be contacted to set up an interview with members of the Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth staff. The interview will take between 30 min and one hour. Please be on the lookout for an email requesting you to choose an interview date and time if you are selected to move forward in the application process.

### \*About YLC recommendations:

1. One recommendation should be from a non-relative you have worked with who can speak on behalf of your leadership qualities and your ability to serve on the YLC. (Examples include an employer or an adult sponsor of an organization or group with which you have been involved.)
2. One recommendation should be from a non-relative who knows you personally. (Examples include a principal, teacher, counselor, employer, civic or religious leader, etc.)
3. The letter of recommendation may be written by either of the above references and submitted with the YLC Recommendation form.

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## 2. Applicant contact information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. What is your primary phone?

- Cell phone
- Other phone

4. Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. In which of the following ways do you most frequently communicate? (You may select up to two answers.)

- Email
- Phone call
- Text message
- Facebook messaging
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Which one or two Social networking websites do you use most often? (You may select up to two answers.)

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Snapchat
- WhatsApp
- Vine
- Instagram
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Grade classification:

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school freshman  | <input type="checkbox"/> High school senior | <input type="checkbox"/> College junior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school sophomore | <input type="checkbox"/> College freshman   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school junior    | <input type="checkbox"/> College sophomore  |   |

9. Major (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Youth Leadership Council Application

Essay Questions:

**10. Why do you want to be a member of Texans for Safe and Drug Free Youth's Leadership Council and what will you contribute as a member?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Why would you dedicate yourself to the cause of youth alcohol and other drug use prevention?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**12. What do you believe is the biggest issue in your community surrounding any type of youth alcohol and/or other drug use?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Describe the role(s) you have played in a youth prevention, advocacy, or leadership group.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**14. How will your background/experiences enhance Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth's mission and vision to make alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs irrelevant in the lives of Texas' youth by creating healthier and safer communities?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**15. Describe a time in your life in which you showed leadership and initiative.**

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**16. What do you think are good ways to get more adults involved preventing youth alcohol and drug use?**

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**17. In what other school or community organizations/activities are you currently involved in?**

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**18. Have you ever been convicted of a Minor in Possession (MIP) or Driving Under the Influence (DUI)?**     Yes     No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Note: A prior MIP or DUI conviction will not eliminate your eligibility for the YLC if you have since committed to being alcohol-free. However, answering this question falsely will result in elimination of eligibility or dismissal from the YLC.) Please proceed to the Youth Leadership Council Agreement.

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Please read this Agreement carefully. If selected for the YLC, this will serve as an Agreement between you and Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth until September 30, 2021.

Check the appropriate boxes and sign your name at the bottom of the page.

## **19. I understand that, if selected to be on Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth's Leadership Council, I am committing to all of the below:**

- Planning and completing projects in my community which will educate others on prevention strategies.
- Being an active member of the Youth Leadership Council for at least 1 year, until September 30, 2021.
- Mandatory attendance at Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth's Summit in Austin, Texas (Dates TBD). (Financial support for costs related to the Summit will be provided for YLC)
- Mandatory attendance for two YLC Training Retreats (Dates TBD).(financial support for costs related to the retreats will be provided for YLC)
- Participating in YLC webinars/trainings.
- Participating in YLC conference calls (monthly).
- Using skills taught to you to advocate to others in your community (including to your peers, coalitions, interested adults, and elected officials) about the issues we face involving alcohol.
- Actively communicating with Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth staff about activities and responding promptly to communications from staff (for example, checking email at least two-three times per week and keeping up with YLC Facebook group posts).

## **20. I understand that as a member of the Youth Leadership Council I will be a leader and an example to both adults and other young people, and I agree to all of the below:**

- I will conduct myself in a way that reflects positively on myself and the Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth's Leadership Council.
- I will not use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.
- I will behave responsibly on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).
- I will operate motor vehicles in a safe manner, which includes wearing a seatbelt at all times, not texting

while driving, and not engaging in distracted driving.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Underage Alcohol Use and Texas Law. Information about the Texas Zero Tolerance Law on underage alcohol use is available from the Texas Department of Transportation. To view the law go to [www.txdot.gov/driver/sober-safe/underage-drinking.html](http://www.txdot.gov/driver/sober-safe/underage-drinking.html).**

## ALCOHOL and the law

### For Minors (not age 21)

It is illegal to:

- Purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol
- Possess or consume alcohol
- Misrepresent his or her age to obtain alcohol
- Operate a motor vehicle or watercraft with any detectable amount of alcohol in his or her system
- Provide alcohol to anyone not age 21

### Adults

It is illegal to make alcohol available to any person not 21 years of age (except your own child or spouse and they are visibly present).

Examples of making alcohol available include:

- Hosting a party where alcohol is made available to a person younger than age 21
- Selling alcohol to a minor
- Purchasing alcohol and giving it to a minor

**Related requirements:** Once an applicant is selected as a Youth Leadership Council member, s/he will be required to live a drug-free lifestyle. This includes abstaining from using any alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. By signing this Agreement, you are committing to setting an alcohol-free and other drug-free example for the youth in your community and in Texas, which includes, but it not limited to, not attending parties where alcohol will be served. If a YLC member is reported to be using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs while on the Council s/he will be subject to immediate dismissal.

### 21. Read acknowledgment

- I have read and understood the above information about Texas laws on underage alcohol use and the related requirements for YLC membership. Please proceed to the Recommendation Acknowledgment and Signature Agreement.

## Recommendation Acknowledgment

### About YLC recommendations:

- 1) One recommendation must be from a non-relative you have worked with who can speak to your leadership qualities and your ability to serve on the YLC. (Examples include an employer or an adult sponsor of an organization or group with which you have been involved.)
- 2) One recommendation must be from a non-relative who knows you personally. (Examples include a principal, teacher, counselor, employer, civic or religious leader, etc.)
- 3) The letter of recommendation may be written by either of the above references and submitted with the Online YLC Recommendation Form.
- 4) Please have your letter of recommendation emailed to [arosas@TxSDY.org](mailto:arosas@TxSDY.org)
- 5) Recommendation forms will be sent out to your references listed email addresses.

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22. Recommendations are considered confidential information. If an applicant would like access to the contents of a recommendation, s/he must request that the reference person contact Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth to request that the information be released to him/her.

I understand

## 23. Reference 1

The person (non-relative) who will complete my first YLC Recommendation Form is:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## 24. Reference 2

The person (non-relative) who will complete my second YLC Recommendation Form is: Full

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## 25. The reference person listed above who will include a recommendation with the YLC Recommendation Form is:

Reference 1

Reference 2

## 26. Terms of agreement and signature

I, the undersigned applicant, have carefully read and completed the Youth Leadership Council Application and Agreement and the Recommendation Acknowledgment myself and will abide by them of my own free will. I hereby release Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth and their respective offices, directors, agents, employees, and representatives from any and all claims and causes of actions arising out of my participation in the Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth Leadership Council or any termination from said program. I understand that my Youth Leadership Council membership is a privilege and not a right and agree to abide by all of the above and related decisions with regard to dismissal from the program.

I certify that I am the person accessing this written agreement and submitting this application. By checking these boxes and signing my name below, I certify that all information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Please sign your name below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## 27. In the 2020 - 21 school year, I will be...

in high school

age 18 or older AND not in high school

## 28. Please provide your adult sponsor's name and contact information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Next Section to Be Completed by Parent or Legal Guardian

If you are age 18 or older and no longer in high school, thank you for completing the **Youth Leadership Council Application and Agreement** and the **Recommendation Acknowledgment**.

For high school students and applicants who are not yet 18, the next section is the **Parent/Legal Guardian Consent Agreement** and must be completed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.

## Parent or Legal Guardian Consent Agreement

This Parent/Legal Guardian Consent Agreement must be completed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian for any applicant who is not yet 18 or who is a high school student (this includes applicants who are 18, but are in high school).

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Your son/daughter has indicated an interest in joining the statewide Youth Leadership Council (YLC) for Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth. The YLC is a program for civic-minded youth to lead peers in youth alcohol and other drug prevention, partner with Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth in program development and implementation, and to be examples to other youth and adults throughout the state of Texas. Your son/daughter is applying to be a part of an elite group of young people from across Texas who will advise Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth's statewide coalition on a variety of issues as they relate to youth alcohol and other drug prevention.

Students who are selected to be members of the YLC will take part in monthly conference calls, educational webinars, plan/participate in projects in their communities, and a trip to the YLC Retreat held in Austin TX in the fall of 2020 and summer of 2021, in addition to the Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth Statewide Summit in Austin, Texas, (date TBD). If selected for the YLC, financial support for costs related to these trips will be provided.

An adult sponsor must accompany each youth who is not yet 18 or who is in high school to YLC activities. Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth reserves the right to remove a council member from the program due to inactivity.



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## 29. Parent/legal guardian contact information:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## 30. Parent/legal guardian primary phone is a

Cell

Landline

## 31. Parent/legal guardian signature

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian, have read and fully understand the above terms of the Youth Leadership Council Application, Youth Leadership Council Agreement, and Parental Consent Agreement and will abide by them of my own free will. I hereby release Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth and their respective offices, directors, agents, employees, and representatives from any and all claims and causes of actions arising out of my child's participation in the Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth Leadership Council or any termination from said program. I understand that my child's YLC membership is a privilege and not a right and agree to abide by all of the above and related decisions with regard to dismissal from the program.

I have completed this form myself and I certify that I am the person accessing this written agreement and submitting this agreement. By checking these boxes and signing my name below, I certify that all information on this form is true and correct. I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Please sign your name below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date