



Collective Voices for Safe and Drug-Free Communities

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TEEN COUNCIL APPLICATION

Thank you very much for your interest in applying for a position on the TeenFest Foundation Teen Council. TeenFest Foundation exists to develop and nurture teen community advocates and leaders by serving as a conduit to teen leadership experiences. The members of the TeenFest Teen Council, Executive Board members and Coordinators serve as leaders in substance abuse prevention and violence reduction.

A position description outlining your responsibilities as a Teen Council member is attached for your review. As you fill out the application, please consider the leadership role and time commitment that will be asked of you if you are selected to join the TeenFest Teen Council. In applying for this leadership position, it is imperative that you examine your current and potential obligations to determine if you will have the ability to meet the time commitment required of a Teen Council member. **You must also be able and willing to lead a substance-free (smoking, underage drinking, illegal substance use, substance abuse) and violence-free lifestyle.** We are not only seeking diligent youth volunteers who are committed to the mission of the TeenFest Foundation, but are truly committed to improving the educational and leadership opportunities for teens.

A recommendation is not required but highly recommended. All application materials must be submitted to TeenFest in person or via post or email.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Please send to:
TeenFest Foundation
ATTN: Teen Council
P.O. Box 14413
RTP, NC 27709**

Email: dharris@teenfest.org



TEEN COUNCIL POSITION SUMMARY & TASK DESCRIPTION

POSITION SUMMARY

- The TeenFest Teen Council (TFTC) is comprised of local high school students that meet monthly to learn skills in an active setting that prepares them for leadership and to become immediate peer health educators, mentors and community advocates.
- Teen Council members also learn:
 - Substance abuse prevention
 - Violence reduction
 - Critical thinking
 - Public speaking & Presentations
 - Writing
 - Event management
 - Organization

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Research, learn and teach facts about alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs
- Research learn and teach facts about violence reduction and healthy relationships
- Learn presentation/facilitation skills with the goal of becoming peer health educators
- Research, write and submit stories for the TeenFest Teen Council Newsletter
- Participate with creation of promotional materials relevant to the TeenFest themes
- Participate in community volunteer activities
- Assist with planning, promoting and executing the annual TeenFestival
- Participate in the planning, promoting and executing TeenFest fund raisers
- Assist with maintenance of the TeenFest Foundation websites
- Demonstrates a commitment to leadership by attending all offered training, always reporting on time and actively participating

TEEN COUNCIL MEETS EACH MONTH

- All Teen Council activities take place under the direction and guidance of the collaborative group of professionals that comprises the TeenFest Foundation.
- The activities provide 35 contact hours for full student participation (Teen Council meetings - 17 hours, Teen Festival auditions -10 hours, TeenFestival event – 8 hours).
- Teen Council participation can be used as your Senior Project.



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New Applicant

Returning Applicant

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: _____
Number Street Apt #

City/Town State Zip Code

Phone: _____
Home Cell

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Contact #: _____

How will you get to the meetings and events? _____

School: _____

Favorite Subjects/Classes: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Email Address: _____

List the names and phone numbers of two adults who have known you for at least 2 years. These should be adults we can contact who will be willing to be a reference for you in the areas of character, work ethic and/or disposition:

Name Phone Email

Name Phone Email



SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS: Use the space provided below.

List your extracurricular activities (Teams, Clubs, and Organizations) and the number of hours each week per commitment:

List any formal trainings/education relevant to substance abuse prevention and violence reduction:

List any work experience (Babysitting counts):

Are able and willing to lead a substance-free (underage smoking, underage drinking, illegal substance use, substance abuse) and violence-free lifestyle?

Your signature implies truthfulness and consent to the above listed statements:

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Permission:

I, _____ give permission for _____
to participate with the TeenFest Teen Council and all TeenFest activities.

Parental/Guardian Signature: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Date:** _____



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CHOOSE ONE - ESSAY TOPICS:

Respond to one of the following questions. Please keep answers brief (a max. of 500 words).

- I) LEADERSHIP:** What is your definition of a leader? What do you think you have to contribute as a leader?

- II) VISION & PLANNING:** Define one major goal you would like to achieve if selected for the TeenFest Teen Council.

- III) CHANGE & GROWTH:** What do you think is an effective way to reach teens to educate them and influence their opinions in the areas of substance abuse prevention and violence reduction? How do you think that you can be instrumental in bringing about this change?

Signature

Date