



Instructions: Please type or print clearly! Applications must be fully completed to be considered for selection. To apply to become an YEAH Teen Ambassador, the applicant must be at least 15 years of age at the beginning or during the 2018-2019 school year. If you will be a senior for the school year 2018-2019, you are also eligible to apply.

Application Deadline: 5:00pm AKT, 7/13/18.

Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted

Section I: Applicant Information

Name: _____
Last First Age Birth Date Gender

Address: _____
Street Address

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Hoodie Size: _____ Grade as of Fall 2018: _____

Organization/Group: _____

How many years in tobacco prevention/control?: _____

Section II: Sponsor Information

Full Name: _____ Organization: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street Address

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Email _____



Section III: Application Questions

Show us who you are and what motivates you! Be sure to use specific examples whenever possible. If you need more space, feel free to use a separate sheet of paper.

1. What got you involved in fighting tobacco? What's your story?
2. What specific tobacco related issues are you tackling in your community, school and or/state?
3. What work have you done to influence positive change in your community?
4. What qualities do you have that make you a leader and how have you used those qualities in your anti-tobacco advocacy?
5. If you are selected to be an Ambassador you are required to complete a community project, what are some ideas of tobacco prevention/education projects that you'd like to implement in your community?
6. How do you keep yourself motivated?
7. Do you have allergies or take medication? If yes, please list below.

8. Are you able to perform the essential functions of this position with or without reasonable accommodations?

Reference

All applicants are required to have **one** reference letter with their application. Letters must be submitted by an adult who is familiar with your skills and abilities related to working with peers, can verify your participation in activities, and can describe an experience they have had with you that demonstrates your skills and abilities. Adults to ask for references include: School Administrator, Elder, Teacher, Coach, etc.

It is your responsibility to ensure that a reference is turned in with your application.

Signatures

By signing the bottom of this application and submitting it for consideration, you are agreeing to the following:

- I affirm that the information that I have given on this form is true and correct.*
- If selected to become an ATCA Ambassador, I will meet all expectations listed in the Service Agreement, as well as any expectations that may be asked of me by RurAL CAP staff.*
- RurAL CAP may use photographs, video or audio that may be taken of me.*
- Additional paperwork will be needed immediately if awarded this travel scholarship*
- Sponsors may need to pass a criminal background check.*

Youth Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**If emailing application, a typed name and date will be considered electronic signatures*

Email complete applications to Anna McGovern, RurAL CAP, at amcgovern@ruralcap.com, or fax to

1-866-389-8484 (Attn: Anna). She will confirm receiving your application by e-mail.

****Your application will be reviewed by a panel and you and your sponsor will be notified no later than August 1st 2018 ****



YEAH Ambassador- Service Agreement

Service Term: 8-1-18 through 7-1-19

The purpose of this Service Agreement is to ensure that all youth applicants fully understand the commitment necessary to fulfill the role and responsibilities as a YEAH Teen Ambassador. Teen Ambassadors are an essential part of the State of Alaska's Tobacco Prevention and Control's and the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance's fight for a safe and tobacco free Alaska. Under the direction and guidance of RurAL CAP staff, Ambassadors embody the qualities of leadership, civic involvement and public service necessary to lead their peers and other adults in the continuing effort to protect Alaskans from the harmful effects of tobacco, and to work towards a tobacco free Alaska!

The main objective of the Teen Ambassador program is to provide direction and leadership for events (such as the YEAH Summit) and resources. Ambassadors serve as peer leaders to other youth across Alaska and strive to model effective youth-adult partnership strategies. Serving as a primary youth voice for tobacco prevention in Alaska, an Ambassador will represent their peers throughout the state and also utilize opportunities to advocate for tobacco prevention both locally and nationally. Ambassadors will lead tobacco prevention activities in their communities and will plan and lead a portion of the 2019 spring YEAH Summit.

Please review the following **mandatory** service requirements for an YEAH Ambassador:

- Read and agree to the YEAH Teen Ambassador Service Agreement
- Attend the mandatory Fall Orientation Training on October 6-7, 2018.
- Plan, facilitate and attend the mandatory YEAH Summit in June of 2019 (dates TBD).
- Coordinate and plan a community tobacco prevention or education event.
- Report all projects conducted as an Ambassador by the 15th of the following month.
- Share/re-post YEAH Teen Ambassadors social media as assigned
- Participate in TA teleconferences.
- Actively recruit peers to attend the YEAH events.
- Stay current on tobacco prevention and advocacy through articles, videos and trainings as assigned.
- Have honest communication regularly and in a timely manner with RurAL CAP staff and fellow Ambassadors.

****RurAL CAP has the right to remove any Ambassador from active status based on inactivity or any conduct in contradiction to this agreement. ****

By signing this Service Agreement, the applicant agrees to abide by the terms set forth in this agreement and make every effort to actively serve the full term of the Service Agreement should he/she be selected.

Should I be selected to become a 2018-19 YEAH Teen Ambassador, I agree to fulfill my commitment by meeting all of the agreed upon standards of conduct and service. I acknowledge that this opportunity is a privilege, and should I fail to meet the expectations listed above, I understand that I may be dismissed from the YEAH Ambassador program. Furthermore, I am committed to helping make the vision of a Tobacco-Free Alaska a reality.

Printed Applicant Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

YEAH Teen Ambassadors Letter of Reference

All youth who apply to be a Teen Ambassador are required to have an adult complete this letter of reference. Reference person should not be related to applicant but should be an adult, for example a coach, teacher, Elder, or mentor. Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Applicant Requesting Reference: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Name of Reference Email: _____

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

a. How frequently are you in contact with this person?

2. Please describe this applicant's potential to be a leader.

3. Please describe a time in which you have seen this person take on a leadership role.

4. Please describe why this program will be beneficial to this person.

5. This program requires this person to plan a community project on their own. Please describe the applicant's ability to self-motivate to accomplish tasks.

Please rate the applicant on the following:	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't know
Ability to work with diverse groups				
Respectful of others				
Responsible				
Takes initiative				
Open to new experiences				
Enthusiasm				
Emotional maturity				
Patience				
Friendliness				
Cooperative				
Ability to speak in front of groups				
Ability to manage time				
Ability to follow through on commitments				

6. Any additional comments?

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reference sheets are due on **July 13, 2018, at 5:00pm**

References can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to:

Anna McGovern

RurAL CAP

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