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ACT for Alexandria Youth Philanthropy Council

Information Session

Icebreaker Question

What show have you most recently binge-watched?



Session Agenda

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▶ Written application

▶ Video application

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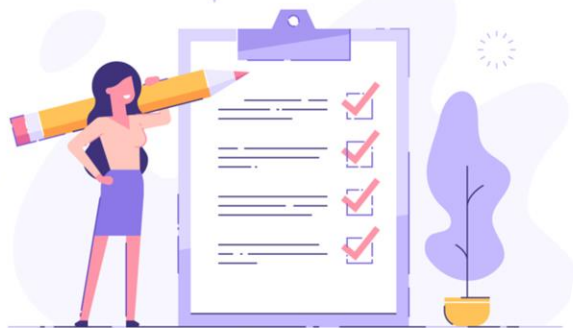
The Vision

- ▶ Program designed **by youth, for youth** with the purpose of providing Alexandria youth the decision-making power and funding to address key issues within the community





Inspire. Equip. Connect



Goals

- ▶ The goals:
 - ▶ Improving the lives of Alexandria residents
 - ▶ Equipping students as conveners for partnerships with schools
 - ▶ Connecting with youth to promote early engagement with philanthropy and decision-making
 - ▶ Creating a leadership development program that fosters personal growth and professional opportunities

Being A Member

- ▶ Members will be part of a team that:
 - ▶ Identifies key community issues faced by youth
 - ▶ Builds skills in community-organizing and advocacy
 - ▶ Networks and acts as youth representatives to Alexandria leaders
 - ▶ and makes a difference in their community!
- ▶ Monthly team meetings
- ▶ All members will receive a stipend for their participation



Membership Eligibility

- ▶ Application Criteria
 - ▶ Must be a High School students in grades 9-11
 - ▶ Must either attend school or live in Alexandria
 - ▶ Must have an interest in improving your community!
 - ▶ ***no prior experience or resume is necessary



How to Apply

- ▶ Link to application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YCApplication21>
- ▶ 1. Everyone will complete questions #1-6 of the written form
 - ▶ Contact Information
 - ▶ Demographic Information
 - ▶ How did you hear about this opportunity?
 - ▶ Are you able to commit to 10 hours per month for this program?
 - ▶ For the remainder of the application, you can either choose the written option or the video option. Which one would you like to choose?

How to Apply

- ▶ 2. You will choose EITHER the written option OR the video option
 - ▶ As part of this program, you will be part of a team of students working together on projects. Share an example of a time you were working in a group and you experienced a challenge or disagreement. What happened and how did you work to resolve it?
 - ▶ As part of this program, we want to work on speaking up and advocating for important issues. What is an example of a time when you had to use your voice for an issue that was important to you?
 - ▶ What do you hope to learn and what can you bring to this group? Think about it in the context of your peers, the community, your neighborhood, etc.
 - ▶ What excites you in life? What gives you energy outside of school?
 - ▶ What do you think is the biggest challenge in your community right now? Why is this issue important to you?
 - ▶ Is there anything else that you would like to share that was not asked? These can be aspects that you would like to highlight or accommodations you would need to participate. Please note: this will not affect the consideration of your application.

Application Recap

Written Option

- ▶ 1. Complete the entire online application (questions #1-12)

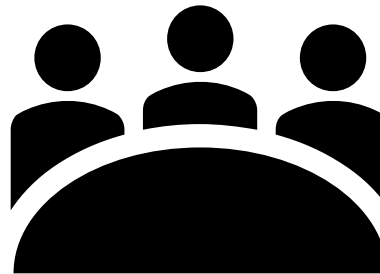
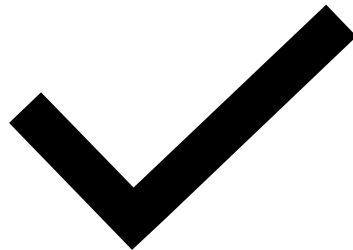
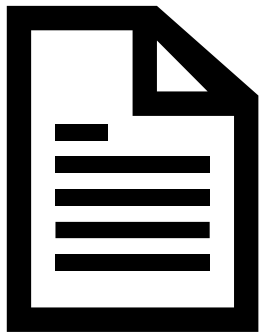
Video Option

- ▶ Complete questions #1-6 on the online application
- ▶ Submit your video in mp4 format to either molly.klein@actforalexandria.org or through the Dropbox link

Timeline

▶ Timeline

- ▶ September 27: Application opens
- ▶ November 1: Application will close at 11:59PM
- ▶ November 15: Students will be informed if they are selected
- ▶ Early December: Youth Council members will meet for orientation and fun!



Questions?

Please contact Molly Klein at molly.klein@actforalexandria.org