

The mission of the United Way Youth Leaders Council is to develop a powerful resource of young leaders who recognize community needs and strengths and are committed to making a difference for all citizens.

Working with United Way staff and local community leaders, Council members focus on achieving their potential and developing leadership skills by focusing on the following areas:

1. Servant Leadership:

Community Service/ Volunteering allows Council members to bring their sweat-equity and enthusiasm to local non-profits.

2. Philanthropic Leadership:

Fiscal responsibility through Youth Council grant allocations. Council members learn to fundraise and allocate those funds to the local community in the form of Youth Council venture grants.

3. Needs Awareness:

Training and community education. Council members learn about the safety net non-profits provide to our community.

OUR MISSION

 **United Way of Madison County
Youth Leaders Council**

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OVERVIEW

The United Way Youth Leaders Council is a cohesive volunteer force comprised of high school students from different schools and backgrounds working together to make our community a better place to live. The Council volunteers with Madison County based social service agencies whose primary focus is within the areas of education, income and health.

Members are required to complete four (4) volunteer service hours per month, attend regular monthly meetings, as well as participate in Council sponsored volunteer events and fundraising activities throughout the year.

All public, private, and home school students grades 9-12 are eligible for membership.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The cornerstone of the United Way Youth Leaders Council is community volunteering. In this way students learn about the different services provided in Madison County. Volunteering is how the Council is able to help those least able to help themselves. It is through volunteering that students become stakeholders in their community. As members learn how to serve the needs of those around them, the Council leads the way for their peers to follow.

PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP

Every leader must learn fiscal responsibility and the United Way Youth Leaders Council is no different. Students learn how to effectively raise and allocate funds; similar to United Way of Madison County's allocation process. All funds raised by the Council are returned to Madison County social service agencies via the Youth Council Request For Proposal (RFP) process or the Youth allocation process. The Council raises the money; the Council solicits and reviews grant proposals and the Council determines how the money is allocated or distributed.

NEEDS AWARENESS

The Council strives to educate its members about the gaps in areas of education, income and health. We have a tri-fold training approach: we begin with orientation for the entire Council, tours and/or research of United Way Partner Programs and volunteering at United Way Partner agencies and other approved social service charities.

Training, awareness and volunteering are key components of the Youth Council allocation process; which is held at the end of every school year.

How Do I Apply?

The Youth Council application period is currently closed and will re-open May 2019. The easiest and fastest way to apply is online at: <http://www.uwmadisoncounty.org/getinvolved/ylc>

You can also find the application with your school representative as well as the United Way office. Simply complete the application and return it to the United Way office.

After the application deadline (TBA), applicants will be scheduled for an interview. Those accepted into the Council will be required to attend the Youth Leaders Council orientation in September.

Scan this QR code with your smartphone to apply online!

