

# Coopersville Area Youth Advisory Council



## *Student Application*

### **The Application Process**

There are a limited number of open seats on the Coopersville Area Youth Advisory Council. All submitted applications are reviewed through the following process:

Select current members and the CAYAC advisors will review all applications to seek a cross-section of youth membership by gender and age, as well as seeking a balance of culturally, socially and economically mixed experiences. Additionally, applicants are evaluated with respect to their interest and awareness of issues and concerns in the youth community, willingness to read and evaluate complex grant applications, potential for leadership, dedication to volunteering in their community, and unique qualities they will bring to CAYAC. Selected applicants will be invited to an informational interview to ensure that they understand the full responsibilities of CAYAC membership.

*\*\*\*Applications for the 2017-2018 committee are due by Friday, June 9th\*\*\**

*Please send to Kelly Post at Coopersville Middle School, 198 East Street, Coopersville MI 49404*

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Graduation Year::

Gender:        Male            Female

**Responsibilities of a CAYAC Member:**

- Available to attend meetings on scheduled day once a month during the school year. Available to attend volunteer opportunities throughout the year.
- Committed, dedicated, and interested in learning about community youth issues through discussion, speakers, site visits, and possible regional meetings with other YACs in the State of Michigan.
- Preparation for meetings, which can include reading multiple pages of grants.
- Active engagement in meetings.
- Responsible and mature representation of the Coopersville Area Community Foundation.

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Why are you interested in becoming a CAYAC member?
  
2. What volunteer activities have you been involved in?
  
3. Many issues face youth today. From the following list, please rank the issues you feel are most important for youth in our community (with 1 being the most important)

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|-------|------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| _____ | Education              | _____ | Substance Abuse               | _____ | Diversity   |
| _____ | Teen Pregnancy         | _____ | Arts                          | _____ | Environment |
| _____ | Recreation             | _____ | Violence/Juvenile Delinquency |       |             |
| _____ | Health                 | _____ | Mentoring (Adult Role Models) |       |             |
| _____ | Poverty                | _____ | Bullying                      |       |             |
| _____ | Other, please explain: |       |                               |       |             |

4. Please explain why you believe the issue you ranked as number 1 is the most critical issue facing youth today.
  
5. CAYAC is looking for diversity among its membership. What experiences have you had that will bring a unique perspective to CAYAC?
  
6. Recognizing that everyone has a busy schedule, what possible conflicts might prevent you from attending monthly meetings? It is important that you attend the majority of the CAYAC meetings and events.