

YOUTH UNITED STRUCTURE

The **YOUTH UNITED BOARD OF DIRECTORS** is comprised of Leadership Program students and representatives of youth organizations from area schools. The Youth Board of Directors oversees activities of the three Youth United Committees. Members of the Youth Board of Directors serve as Youth Ambassadors and are requested to endorse, initiate and participate in various community initiatives. Each year, the Youth Board of Directors introduces and addresses issues of concern from area students.

The **PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** visualizes, plans, organizes, and manages Youth United projects, as well as identifies volunteer opportunities available through other local organizations. Project Managers are to coordinate with agencies and the other YU committees to ensure projects are planned well and have all resources needed (e.g., funding, donations, volunteers, materials, etc). Projects are selected on a monthly basis. This committee will be responsible for informing and mobilizing the volunteers. *Strong leadership and organizational skills are useful for members of this committee.*

Providing grants to agencies whose programs address youth needs is one function of the **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE**. A Needs Assessment will be conducted every two years in area middle and senior high schools to identify priorities from the perspective of youth in Okaloosa & Walton counties. Resource Development & Distribution Committee is also in charge of developing our resource pool, to include partnerships, supporters, volunteers, donations, and funds. Youth are encouraged to provide linkages with school clubs and recruit teen volunteers. *Strong people skills and organizational skills are useful for members of this committee.*

The objective of the **MARKETING & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE** is to organize special events for students promoting youth volunteerism and United Way programs. Charged with keeping youth activities as the focal point, they utilize sites like Facebook and Myspace to raise awareness of YU and YU activities. They also write columns, design flyers & campaigns, as well as implement ongoing public relations strategy for the Youth Volunteer Program. The marketing committee strives for out of the box strategies that help gain teens' attention. *Creativity, experience with graphic design or pictures, and good writing skills are useful for members of this committee.*

Each Youth United member will choose one committee to serve on. Youth United is a team, and each committee is interdependent on the others. Our projects will not be successful without strong teamwork with each person doing their fair share. *YU members are expected to attend committee meetings, communicate with committee chairs & co-chairs, and be accountable for tasks.*

With Youth United, we have the power to choose what is important to us and what we will work to better and change. But, with that power comes significant responsibility. Youth United is for teens that truly have a heart for community service and are motivated and inspired to be part of something bigger.



Okaloosa & Walton Counties



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please attach a recent photo of yourself here

NAME:

Last First MI

ADDRESS:

Street City State Zip

CONTACT:

Home Phone Mobile Phone Text? yes no Email Address Alternate Email Address

SCHOOL:

School Name Current Grade Level Current GPA

Table with 2 columns: Question and Answer area. Questions include: List any volunteer activities..., What do you hope to gain personally..., What do you feel you can contribute..., In your opinion, what are the most critical issues...

I understand and accept the responsibilities of being selected as a member of the Youth United Program.

Applicant's Signature Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH YU COMMITTEE YOU WILL SERVE ON:

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT MANAGEMENT RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & DISTRIBUTION

