



UNITED WAY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY YOUTH BOARD

About

The United Way of San Luis Obispo County (UWSLOC) Youth Board increases community awareness and involvement among youth. High school students from San Luis Obispo County serve on the board, and fulfill many of the same duties as the Board of Directors, most notably the distribution of grant funds for youth-serving projects and programs.

What We Do

The Youth Board serves as a student-led Board of Directors. Members learn about and discuss community needs, volunteer around SLO County, and fundraise for their grant fund. Guest speakers who have knowledge of community needs often share at meetings. This also provides an opportunity for students to meet diverse contributors in the county and to partner with them on projects such as campaigns and fundraising.

The Youth Board allocates three (or more) grant awards to youth-led programs that improve the lives of their peers within SLO County. Members will publicize the grant opportunity, read and score all applications, and discuss the applications at the meeting. They will vote on the applicants they feel best adhere to the guidelines and commit to impacting youth.

Benefits

- Members will socialize and network with other students from SLO County.
- Members will have the opportunity to hold an Executive Officer position, as well as be involved in other committees within the Youth Board.
- Members will learn fundraising, marketing and campaigning strategies.
- Members will meet community leaders and business professionals who are engaged in community strengthening efforts.
- Members will learn and understand how a Board of Directors is governed and how it functions.
- Members can count meetings, community volunteering, and fundraising events toward fulfilling volunteer hours for school and other clubs.

Requirements

High school students from San Luis Obispo County are eligible to participate in the UWSLOC Youth Board program. The Youth Board holds meetings on the first and third Monday evening of each month, from October through June. At meetings, members are encouraged to participate in discussion, voice their opinions, share ideas, and offer input. Members are allowed to miss up to FOUR meetings, however, attendance is necessary for the group to function at its highest level and bring about the best results for the community. It is essential for meetings to have a quorum to be able to approve minutes and vote on issues. United Way hosts several fundraising and community service events per year, and members are expected to offer help for at least one of these events per semester.

Application Process

Interested students should download an application from www.unitedwayslo.org/youth-board or contact a current Youth Board member or advisor to request an application. Parental consent is required upon commitment to the program. The Youth Board has a capacity of 35 members.

Do you have questions? Are you interested in becoming a member of the 2020-2021 Youth Board? Contact us: (805) 541-1234 | lwingert@unitedwayslo.org | www.unitedwayslo.org