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YOUTH APPLICATION

2024





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When you volunteer with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the Central Mississippi Area, Inc., you become a member of the leading advocacy organization in the world addressing alcoholism and drug dependence.

NCADD's Youth Advisory Board provides opportunities to address your community's greatest needs. You'll be empowered with the knowledge and skills to help prepare your school and community in preventing and reducing the harmful effects of prescription drug misuse or abuse.

WHO ARE NCADD YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

High school students at any level of leadership experience who are looking to serve Mississippians by addressing some of the root causes of the opioid epidemic through peer to peer prevention, education, and advocacy.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE OF THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI AREA, INC.'S STORY

OUR BELIEF

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the Central Mississippi Area, Inc (NCADD), is a 501 C3 non-profit organization based in Ridgeland.

NCADD believes in the concept of substance use disorder as a treatable disease rather than a moral failing.

WHAT WE DO & WHY

We stand firm on three pillars: prevention, treatment, and recovery. Committed to providing support to those who need it most, we have devoted more than fifty percent of our services to underserved areas. Our team, a passionate group of professionals, work tirelessly to focus on the mission: increase awareness about the devastating effects of alcoholism and drug dependency on the individual, the family, and the community.

OUR IMPACT

On average, serving approximately 60,000 individuals a year in one or more of our pillars, we are dedicated to learning and contributing to broader system changes in substance use disorder services by supporting youth and educators across school districts and sharing best practices with families and community members.

THE APPLICATION



Thank you for your interest in joining the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the Central Mississippi Area Inc.'s (NCADD) Youth Advisory Board (YAB), grades 9-12. Prior to completing this form, please familiarize yourself with NCADD's mission, vision, and board expectations. If you are emailing your application, save this document with your first and last name added to the file name and send it to YAB@ncaddms.org. You can also drop off your application or mail to NCADD (875 Northpark Drive, STE 600 Ridgeland, MS 39157). **All applications must be submitted by (including postmarked) 11:59 PM on Friday, May 3, 2024.** Interviews will be conducted and led by Regional Compliance Coordinators on May 13th – 16th, 2024. A team member from NCADD will be reaching out to you to schedule your interview time.

Youth Advisory Board Expectations

Please initial to indicate your understanding of each commitment expected from you as a Youth Advisory Board Member.

Please Initial Expectations

- ___ Attend the summer training and retreat.
*Retreat will be a maximum of two days. Accommodations will be provided.
- ___ Attend and or support one (1) Drug Take Back Day. Drug Take Back Days are held in April and October.
- ___ Develop and present a minimum of one (1) peer led presentation or participate in a minimum of one (1) community event with the goal of information dissemination and collaborative impact.
- ___ Attend monthly hybrid meetings and provide activity reports (as applicable).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell#: _____

High School: _____ Grade '23-'24: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Cell#: _____

Checklist for Getting Started

- I am a high school student in grade 9th-12th within the state of Mississippi.
- I possess a GPA of 2.75 or higher and have downloaded a copy of the GPA verification form to take to my school counselor for verification and signature.
- My values align with the mission of the NCADD.
- I believe that I can make a difference in the state of the opioid crisis.
- I am prepared to write a 500-word essay.
- I have requested a letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or pillar of the community.
- I have solicited support from an adult to obtain the required support documentation AND to review my application to ensure completion.
- I have reviewed and agree with the expectations of a youth advisory board member.

How will you be championed?

- NCADD team members will be readily available to provide support.
- Members will be provided with the tools to cultivate the skills for positive change.
- Youth will have the support of advisory board peers.
- Earn a \$500 education stipend for your leadership efforts.

Essay Requirements (Attach Separately)

Please type a 500-word essay, double-spaced on the following topic: Why are you interested in providing community service in the capacity of a youth advisory board member?

Recommendation Letter Requirements

This is a crucial step in the application process, as recommenders can provide valuable insight into a student's academic or professional potential. The essential requirements for all recommendation letters are included here, along with additional advice for enhancing their usefulness to the admissions committee. Applicants are strongly recommended to get acquainted with these standards and to explicitly communicate them to those sending letters on their behalf.

Any letters that do not meet these criteria will not be accepted:

- Must include the recommender's hand-written signature.
- Must include the date on which the letter was written.
- Must clearly explain how the recommender knows the applicant, in what capacity, and for what length of time.
- Must be submitted on the recommender's official letterhead.
- Must include the recommender's contact information (*including email address, if any*).
- Must be sent in one of the following ways:
 - The recommender may send a hard copy of the letter directly to:
The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the
Central Mississippi Area, Inc. (NCADD)
875 Northpark Drive, STE 600
Ridgeland, MS 39157
 - The applicant may forward the recommender's sealed letter to The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence by mail (*we cannot accept it if the original letter has been opened*), or
 - The recommender may send a PDF of the signed and dated letter on official letterhead to The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence by email to **YAB@ncaddms.org** (*this is the preferred method, and by far the fastest.*)

GPA Verification Form

For NCADD Youth Advisory Board
To be completed by Student's High School Counselor

High School Counselors, your student is applying for a Youth Advisory Board position with The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the Central Mississippi Area, Inc. which requires proof of a high school GPA of a 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale. Please complete this GPA verification form, sign, and return it to the student.

This is to verify that _____ currently has a cumulative GPA of _____ on a 4.0 scale
(Student's Name)

as a student at _____.
(School Name Here)

Counselor's Name *(Please Print)*: _____

Counselor's Email: _____

Counselor's Phone Number: _____

Counselor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

For questions, please call **601.899.5880** or email us at **YAB@ncaddms.org**.



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