



Instructions: Please type or print clearly! Applications must be fully completed to be considered for selection. To apply to become an Emerging Youth Leadership Academy, the applicant must be 13-19 years of age at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. If you need assistance completing this form please contact Charlie Daniels at 907-265-1912 or email to camphope@voaak.org. **Deadline: 5:00pm AKT, Monday, 6/23/17. Late applications will NOT be accepted**

Section I: Applicant Information

Name: _____
Last First Age Birth Date Gender

Address: _____
Street Address

_____ **AK** _____
City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Hoodie Size: _____ Grade as of Fall 2017: _____

Organization/Group: _____

How many years in prevention?: _____

Section II: Sponsor Information

Full Name: _____ Organization: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street Address

_____ **AK**
City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Email _____

Section III: Application Questions

Show us who you are and what motivates you! Be sure to use specific examples whenever possible. If you need more space, feel free to use a separate sheet of paper.

1. What got you involved in prevention or what is your interest in prevention? What's your story?
2. What specific tobacco, alcohol or drug, mental health related issues are you tackling in your community, school and or/state?
3. What work have you done to influence policy on the local, statewide or federal level? (tobacco-free parks, Clean Indoor Air, Point of Sale, suicide prevention, etc)
4. What qualities do you have that make you a leader and how have you used those qualities in your anti-tobacco, alcohol or drug, mental health advocacy?

5. If selected, what do you hope to accomplish? Please list any ideas you may have for a community tobacco, alcohol, drug, mental health prevention initiative. How will you engage your peers and community leaders?

6. List your other activities (i.e. clubs, sports, outside jobs, hobbies, etc)

7. Are you able to perform the essential functions of this position with or without reasonable accommodations?

Reference

All applicants are required to have **one** reference letter with their application. Letters must be submitted by an adult who is familiar with your skills and abilities related to working with peers, can verify your participation in activities, and can describe an experience they have had with you that demonstrates your skills and abilities. Adults to ask for references include: School Administrator, Elder, Teacher, Coach, etc.

It is your responsibility to ensure that a reference is turned in with your application.

Signatures

By signing the bottom of this application and submitting it for consideration, you are agreeing to the following:

- *I affirm that the information that I have given on this form is true and correct.*
- *If selected to become an Emerging YOUTH Leader, I will meet all expectations listed in the Service Agreement, as well as any expectations that may be asked of me by staff.*
- *VOA/HVHC may use photographs, video or audio that may be taken of me.*
- *Additional paperwork will be needed immediately if awarded this travel scholarship*
- *Sponsors may need to pass a criminal background check.*

Youth Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**If emailing application, a typed name and date will be considered electronic signatures*

Email complete applications to Charlie Daniels, Volunteers of America Alaska at camphope@voaak.org, or fax to 1-866-389-8484 (Attn: Charlie). She will confirm receiving your application by e-mail.

****Your application will be reviewed by a panel and you and your sponsor will be notified no later than July 5, 2017****

Emerging Youth Leader

Academy

Teen Ambassador

Service Agreement

Service Term: 7-5-17 through 5-1-18

The purpose of this Service Agreement is to ensure that all youth applicants fully understand the commitment necessary to fulfill the role and responsibilities as a YOUth Leader.

Teen Leaders are an essential part of the State of Alaska's Prevention programs and help to combat youth substance use and mental health related issues that teens and young adults face. Under the direction and guidance of Volunteers of America Alaska and Healthy Voices, Healthy Choices coalition staff (VOA/HVHC), Emerging YOUth Leaders embody the qualities of leadership, civic involvement and public service necessary to lead their peers and other adults in the continuing effort to protect Alaskans from the harmful effects of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and mental health issues our youth and young adults face.

The main objective of the YOUth Leadership program is to provide direction and leadership for Youth Leaders events and resources. YOUth Leaders serve as peer leaders to other youth across Alaska and strive to model effective youth-adult partnership strategies. Serving as a primary youth voice for substance use and mental health prevention in Alaska, an Emerging YOUth Leader will represent their peers throughout the state and also utilize opportunities to advocate for prevention both locally and nationally. YOUth Leaders will lead prevention activities in their communities and will plan and lead a portion of a fall conference.

Please review the following **mandatory** service requirements for an Emerging YOUth Leadership Academy:

Read and agree to the VOA/HVHC Emerging YOUth Leadership Service Agreement

- Attend the mandatory Summer Training on **July 30- August 4, 2017**
- Lead a community prevention project and complete a project report.

- Share/re-post YOUth Leaders social media as assigned.
- Participate in monthly Coalition meetings in person or via teleconferences.
- Actively recruit peers to attend the Youth Leaders events.
- Stay current on prevention and advocacy through articles, videos and trainings as assigned.
- Communicate regularly and in a timely manner with VOA/HVHC staff and fellow Leaders.

****VOA/HVHC has the right to remove any Ambassador from active status based on inactivity or any conduct in contradiction to this agreement.****

By signing this Service Agreement, the applicant agrees to abide by the terms set forth in this agreement and make every effort to actively serve the full term of the Service Agreement should he/she be selected.

Should I be selected to become a 2017-18 Emerging YOUTH Leader, I agree to fulfill my commitment by meeting all of the agreed upon standards of conduct and service. I acknowledge that this opportunity is a privilege, and should I fail to meet the expectations listed above, I understand that I may be dismissed from the Leadership program. Furthermore, I am committed to helping make the vision of a Tobacco-Free Alaska a reality.

Printed Applicant Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Emerging YOUth Leadership Letter of Reference

All youth who apply to be a YOUth Leader are required to have an adult complete this letter of reference. Reference person should not be related to applicant but should be an adult, for example a coach, teacher, Elder, or mentor. Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Applicant Requesting Reference: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Name of Reference Email: _____

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

a. How frequently are you in contact with this person?

2. Please describe a time in which you have seen this person take on a leadership role.

3. Please describe why this program will be beneficial to this person.

Please rate the applicant on the following:	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't know
Ability to work with diverse groups				
Respectful of others				
Responsible				
Takes initiative				
Open to new experiences				
Enthusiasm				
Emotional maturity				
Patience				
Friendliness				
Cooperative				
Ability to speak in front of groups				
Ability to manage time				
Ability to follow through on commitments				

6. Any additional comments?

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reference sheets are due on **July 5, 2017, at 5:00pm.**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure forms are turned in on time.

References can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to:

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