



Hamilton County Youth Leadership Program

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Dear Youth Applicant,

The “A Chance To Serve” leadership program was developed in response to a need for a “sense of community” in Hamilton County, particularly with our youth. There was a desire for youth input on community boards and committees, as well as leadership training for youth in our community. The ACTS program that resulted is a series of five day-long leadership training sessions. After participating in this training program, ACTS graduates will be placed on a community board or committee for one year. While on this committee, you will have the chance to use the leadership skills you acquired and have a voice in the happenings of your community. An adult community leader from the board or committee you will be serving on will serve as your mentor during your board or committee term.

The sessions will be hands-on and interactive. Topics to be covered include communication, public speaking, and listening skills; youth and adult perspectives and stereotypes; gifts, talents, and personality surveys; trusteeship, community visioning and philanthropy; board and group process, consensus building, government; and a historic tour of Hamilton County.

The program’s objectives are as follows:

1. Youth will identify their individual gifts and talents and apply this information to their daily activities.
2. Youth will recognize community issues and indicate where they can use their skills and knowledge to make an impact.
3. Youth will acquire and enhance leadership skills necessary to actively participate as community decision-makers.
4. Youth will develop partnerships with adults to serve in decision-making positions in their community.

The first step is to fill out the attached application. Applications will be collected by your individual schools. The application/nomination process varies among the schools. Ten freshmen from each participating school will be selected to participate in this program, and **there will be a \$25 fee to participate**. Schools will submit their ten participants to the Extension Office by **July 1**. The training sessions will take place during school hours. These sessions have been approved as field trip days. Students are expected to complete all missed work. This must be pre-arranged with your teachers. The dates of the training sessions are as follows: **Sessions: August 20, September 3, September 24, October 6, and November 4; and the graduation celebration on November 9, 2020**. Attendance at all training sessions is required. We will collect all health forms and fees at the first session. Lunch and snacks will be provided at every session, and a program shirt is provided for every participant to wear at each session.

The graduation celebration on November 9, 2020 will be an evening event and parents are invited.

This program is made possible through Purdue Extension Hamilton County. For more information, talk to your guidance counselor or call Purdue Extension Hamilton County at 317-776-0854.

HAMILTON COUNTY - A CHANCE TO SERVE EXPECTATIONS AND APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S EXPECTATIONS:

- * Commit to attend and participate in the five training sessions and other meetings associated with the ACTS program.
- * Work with the mentors to build a youth and adult partnership.
- * **Serve in a decision-making/governance role in the community for at least one year following the training sessions.**
- * Communicate with mentors on a regular basis while serving on the board or committee.

PARENT / GUARDIAN'S EXPECTATIONS:

- * Complete required paperwork with your young person.
- * Support your young person in his/her involvement in the ACTS program and their board/committee experience.
- * Arrange for transportation to all required meetings or obligations with assigned organizations. Participants will be bussed from the high school to Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta, IN for the five training sessions.
- * Communicate freely with Purdue Extension Hamilton County staff, school program coordinators, and the board mentors on your young person's involvement in this program.
- * Attend the graduation ceremony for the ACTS program participants to be held on November 9. This is an evening event.



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Shirt Size _____

School _____ Grade _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Race (Check one): White or Caucasian ___ Asian ___
Black or African American ___ American Indian or Alaska Native ___
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ___ Multiple Races ___
Undetermined ___
Ethnicity (Check one): Hispanic ___ Non-Hispanic ___

Work or Volunteer Experience _____

What does "being a leader" mean to you?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

What characteristics best describe you?

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____ Daytime Phone _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Daytime Phone _____

If selected, I agree to uphold the expectations listed under Applicant's Expectations.

Applicant's Signature

Date

If selected, I agree to provide support as described under Parent/Guardian's expectations for the applicant indicated above.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

I do hereby grant permission to Purdue University, its agents, and others working under its authority, full and free use of video/photographs containing my image/likeness. I understand these images may be used for promotional, news, research and/or educational purposes.

I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the University and its agents from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action that I may hereafter have by reason of anything contained in the photographs or video.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Hamilton County ACTS

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Fall 2020 Training Dates

August 20	(Thursday)	Day 1	(8:30 a.m.)
September 3	(Thursday)	Day 2	(8:30 a.m.)
September 24	(Thursday)	Day 3	(8:30 a.m.)
October 6	(Tuesday)	Day 4	(8:30 a.m.)
November 4	(Wednesday)	Day 5	(8:30 a.m.)
November 9	(Monday)	Graduation	(6:30 p.m.)*

***Event held at Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, Noblesville.**