



GHA Teen Council

The Teen Council is an initiative for GHA's Teen Program which allows teens to have peer representation in the highest levels of the program and GHA's Board. Any GHA teen may apply to the council and declare their position of interest. This declaration does not guarantee placement into that position; it also does not void the application for another position on the Council. The Council and positions will be chosen by GHA's Board of Directors.

The Council consists of 4 people; 3 teens chosen by the board, and the teen program coordinator or representative from the board. The adult will act as an advisor and have tiebreaking vote if necessary.

Responsibilities of a member of the Council:

- Show leadership qualities at all teen and GHA events.
 - Lead by example and conduct yourself in a way that represents the Teen Program and GHA.
 - Assist Coordinator and Board Members with set up and tear down of teen events.
- All Councilors will be responsible to plan and organize 3 events along with the Teen Coordinator:
 - 1 Fun/Educational Event
 - 1 Advocacy Event
 - 1 Fundraising Event
- Work with Teen Program Coordinator to grow and focus the Teen Program to the needs and desires of the members.
- Assist in the creation and upkeep of a social media presence for the Teen Program.
- Each Council member will have an individual responsibility to the Council
 - Treasurer
 - Head the Fundraising Event with the Coordinator.
 - Work with Coordinator and/or GHA Treasurer to track fundraising and event costs.
 - Secretary
 - Head the Advocacy Event with the Coordinator.
 - Take charge and run the Council meeting in an orderly fashion using the basics or Robert's Rules.
 - Take the minutes of the Council meetings and email them to the Coordinator.
 - Social Media
 - Head the Fun/Educational Event with the Coordinator.
 - Assist the coordinator in maintaining the social media presence of the GHA Teen Program.
 - Post information about events and update pictures from teen events.

- Board Representative
 - Act as Council representative to GHA Board of Directors.
 - Update the GHA Board on the progress of the Teen Program including future events, program needs, and successes or shortcomings of past events.
 - Position is allowed to sit on the board as a non-voting member.
 - Attend one GHA board meeting per quarter, at minimum.

Requirements of a member of the Council:

- Minimum age of 15
- Have not had a previous term on the council.
- Must be able to attend monthly council meetings.
 - Odd months will be held at GHA office or other chosen location.
 - Even months will be held as a group Skype call.
- Attend majority of teen events hosted by GHA.
- Active member of GHA's teen group.

The Council members will serve a two-year term, with two positions per year becoming open. As of 2020, all four seats are open, so the terms will expire as follows: After the first term two seats will remain open to the sitting members of the Council; they will be able to apply for a one-year extension which will also be chosen by the board. After the one-year extension term is complete, there will no longer be extensions offered in the future except for extenuating circumstances. This will be on a case by case basis and will be delegated by the GHA Executive Board.

Application is due by February 15, 2020 and can be emailed or mailed.

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Address: Gateway Hemophilia Association
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St. Louis, MO 63109

If you have any questions please contact GHA at (314) 482-5973.

Teen Council Application

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Age: _____

Have you held a previous term on the Council? (Check yes/no) Yes: _____ No: _____

Have you attended any GHA's Teen Group functions? Yes: _____ No: _____

If Yes, how many and which ones? _____

In what position on the Council are you interested? _____

Why? _____

What strengths do you have that you can bring to the Council:

What Advocacy/Educational topics or events you would like see be part of the Teen Program?

Are you able to meet the requirements of a member of the Teen Council? Yes: _____ No: _____

If No, what possible conflicts do you have that could interfere with required commitments:

*Parents, please sign allowing your son or daughter to be a member of the Teen Council, if chosen. Your signature acknowledges that you will assist your son/daughter in fulfilling the responsibilities and requirements of a member of the Teen Council.

Parent Signature:

Print

Sign

Date

Applicant Signature:

Print

Sign

Date