Dear Interested Student,

We thank you for your interest in the Madison County Youth Board!

What exactly is the Madison County Youth Board (MCYB)? Well, MCYB is a subcommittee of the Madison County Youth Coalition. It is a collaborative group of student leaders representing their school district and community to share information and discuss issues involving youth and communities within Madison County.

Members typically have the following qualities:
- Degree of maturity and emotional stability
- Degree of leadership and sound judgment
- Degree of cooperative spirit to work well as a member of a team
- The ability to organize well, work with details and exhibit follow through
- An interest in personal and professional growth and the desire to seek supervision and knowledge to assist in this process
- A commitment to the cause and purpose of community service
- The knowledge, experience and training to function as a useful and productive member or demonstrates potential of such
- An agreement to demonstrate healthy lifestyle choices

Some of our current projects include a youth focused tobacco campaign regarding the growing popularity of e-cigarettes, hookahs, chewing tobacco, and cigars as well as four recommendations from our 16th Madison County Youth Forum held in November which include: promotion of the Sheriff’s Tipline, development of an Ask Alice column, development of various videos targeting parents and substance use, and a countywide assessment of school policies related to substance use. In recent years, we have also worked on an initiative to educate and encourage teens to increase their water consumption for the betterment of their health and helped a local organization with their efforts in bringing awareness to our county about Human Trafficking. These are just a few examples of what great projects in which you can be a part.

Are you good at creating videos for YouTube? Savvy at Social Media? Do you enjoy speaking in public settings? Have a skill for writing? Like to organize and behind the scenes? We are looking for various talents & skills in order to help make our projects successful. There is something for everyone!

The Madison County Youth Board meets monthly. The meetings occur on the 1st Thursday of every month between 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Edwardsville Police Department in Edwardsville, Illinois. Depending on planned events, meeting outside the scheduled time might be necessary.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out the attached application and send it as stated on the form. Also, you may attend our Meet and Greet on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Edwardsville Police Department-Meeting Room- 400 North Main St. Edwardsville, IL. We encourage you to bring a parent/guardian. During this Meet and Greet, you will meet current members and learn more about the Madison County Youth Board.

If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Contact information is located below. Again, thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

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