

Youth Co-Design Program Application Form

South Central Iowa Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) is a non-profit organization overseeing the workforce services in the fourteen counties of Appanoose, Davis, Hardin, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lucas, Mahaska, Marshall, Monroe, Poweshiek, Tama, Van Buren, Wapello, and Wayne County in Iowa known as the South Central Iowa Workforce Area (SCIWA). We are looking for youth that are dedicated to using volunteerism, grant making, and philanthropy to develop leadership skills, to act as positive youth role models, and to improve the communities in our area. The Youth Co-Design Program gives youth a voice in the issues that affect them now, and the skills to confront the challenges they will face in the future. The best way to learn generosity, gain leadership skills and value community service is by direct exposure and involvement.

The youth co-design program meets weekly to engage in team-building and leadership activities, to discuss local youth issues, and to engage in grant making.

As a member, it is expected that you.

- Attend weekly meetings from August-May
- Learn about youth needs and assets in our community
- Make decisions about granting funds to youth projects
- Work with adults and show adults that youth are a community resource
- Participate in community service projects
- Are open to opportunities for personal growth
- Communicate via email and/or phone
- Complete pre- and post-surveys for sessions and provide feedback regarding your program experience
- Make a difference in our community



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Applications must be submitted by xx/xx to <<email>>. A letter of recommendation from an unrelated adult must also be included with the form along with their contact information.

For additional information, please contact:

General Information (please print or type)

Date of Application:

Name:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:

Street Address:

City, Zip:

Email Address:

(List an email address you check regularly or you may miss important communications.)

Preferred method of communication: email Text

School

Age:

Year of Graduation:

The Youth Co-design Program will meet monthly from August – May. Can you commit to attending monthly meetings as well as other events throughout the year? Yes No

Organizations & Activities

How have you become involved in your community? Please list school, religious, social, athletic or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during high school and will continue to remain involved in while serving on the Youth Co-Design Program.

Why are you willing to take the extra time to join the Youth Co-Design Program?



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What talents, knowledge, or experience do you believe you would bring to the Youth Co-Design Program?

Why do you feel it is important for high school students to learn about community issues and how you play a role in making a difference?

Letter of recommendation was written by:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Attendance

Attendance is key to this program and to your experience. Meeting days and times will be set by the group members. Members will only be allowed two excused absences for the year – any unexcused absences will be reviewed by the Program Manager. If attendance becomes an issue, you may be asked to meet with the committee chairs for review of your commitment to the group. Please sign and date to agree to the attendance policy.

_____ **Signature**
_____ **Date**