



# Rochester Area Youth Assistance Youth Council

## 2021-2022 Application Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be part of the RAYA Youth Committee?

What strengths will you bring to RAYA and how can RAYA benefit from your service?

What volunteer experience have you had?

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please email any questions and return your application to Debbie Jones at [debra-L-jones@hotmail.com](mailto:debra-L-jones@hotmail.com) by May 14.

The selected students will be notified by May 19, 2021 and will be asked to attend the May 25, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.

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Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) is a prevention based non-profit organization whose goal is to strengthen youth and families in the Rochester Community. For over 60 years RAYA has been working in the community to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community partnerships. RAYA sponsors are Oakland County Circuit Court – Family Division, Rochester Community School District, City of Rochester Hills, City of Rochester and Charter Township of Oakland.

RAYA is creating a Youth Council to promote youth involvement in our organization. Through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas & experience, students will add a fresh look into the community we serve. Initial membership in the council will be for a period of one school year, beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> with an end date of May 31<sup>st</sup>. The core responsibilities of the RAYA Youth Council member include: attending the monthly RAYA Board of Directors meetings, creating community -based projects to work on with fellow Youth Council members, and being an ambassador of the organization at the educational institution the member is enrolled. An ambassador helps to spread awareness and promote the organization to classmates and community members, while relaying findings and involvement opportunities back to the Chairperson of the Youth Council.

There will be two student representatives from each school listed below.

- Rochester High School
- Adams High School
- Stoney Creek High School

One student will be appointed as the committee chairperson. The committee will collaborate with the RAYA Chairman of the Board, Board of Directors, and other staff in an effort to gain experience in areas of leadership, community service, public speaking, fundraising, and marketing.

The RAYA Youth Council members will be expected to:

- Attend regular RAYA Youth Council meetings
- Promote RAYA to youth-oriented audiences
- Participate in RAYA educational events and activities
- Work with RAYA Board of Directors and staff to design and implement a service project/fundraiser to support RAYA – including recruiting volunteers and completing the project
- Network with community and peer groups
- Attend scheduled trainings and meetings as needed