



## Prevention Empowerment Partnership (PEP), Youth Leadership Team (YLT) Application Announcement

The PEP Youth Leadership Team enables young people to make a distinct difference in the lives of teens in Cabell and Wayne County. Additionally, they learn to develop their leadership, public speaking,

and advocacy skills while building relationships with other teens dedicated to making our world a better place. The YLT prepares youth for adulthood through leadership and skills development.

### **WHO CAN APPLY:**

Those who are 14-17 by January 1, 2023, are invited to apply for the Prevention Empowerment Partnership (PEP) Youth Leadership Team.

### **TO QUALIFY, THE APPLICANT MUST:**

- Abstain from illicit substance use.
- Be active and have recently played a vital role in the leadership of their school or community prevention group, PEP team, or a group with similar goals.
- Be a role model and leader with positive, enthusiastic behavior, especially around participants.
- Be willing to contribute positively to the success of PEP.
- Actively participate and attend leadership training and 2 YL meetings a month throughout their 12-month term.

**Note: training and leadership meetings will be scheduled based on most of the youth's leadership schedules. Youth Leadership evaluations will be scheduled 6 months into the program to determine continuation in the program. Youth Leaders must attend at minimum 9 out of 12 YLT meetings during the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months to continue with the program and 19 out of the 24 YLT meetings during the term to be considered eligible for a youth leadership position the following term.**

### **WHY APPLY:**

The PEP Youth Leadership Team is an advisory group for the PEP Youth Engagement program. Members of the YLT are ambassadors for the PEP program who help promote PEP, plan teen-led activities, and provide leadership on a variety of events. PEP also offers opportunities for students to travel to conferences, and work with local businesses/organizations on a variety of projects.

Each Youth Leader will have the opportunity to practice and develop tangible life skills including public speaking, business writing, project management, working within diverse coalitions and work groups, event management, public health prevention, and working with media, civic, and business leaders.

PEP Youth Leaders may also earn a stipend for certain contractual projects. Stipend amounts are determined based on project complexity and estimated hours. Stipends are given on specific projects to allow youth to participate in a professional work environment and receive compensation for professional work outputs.

**SELECTION OF MEMBERS:**

Youth from Cabell and Wayne, WV will be considered and selected through application.

**DEADLINE:**

Online applications are due by May 19, 2023, to be considered for the 2023-24 PEP Youth Leadership Team.

**APPLICATION:** The application portal will be open for submissions for the 2023-24 school year from May 1, 2023, till May 19, 2023.

Apply Online for PEP Youth Leadership Team: <https://pepww.org/youth-info/>

**INTERVIEWS:**

Interviews will be conducted the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**TERM OF SERVICE:**

Members who are selected will be notified by May 29, 2023, and will serve a full term from June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024. Summer months (June – August) are a key part of learning how to be a successful team member, the more you can be involved the more successful you will be! All YLT members will be required to sign and follow the attached PEP Youth Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) if chosen before the term begins.

**QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions about applying for or participating in the Youth Leadership Team, contact the PEP Deputy Director, [Tabetha.Blevins@marshall.edu](mailto:Tabetha.Blevins@marshall.edu).



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### Youth Member Involvement Agreement

Sector Number	Member Name	School and Community Program
<b>Youth</b>		

This agreement between **PEP** and the **Youth** Representative, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be from \_\_\_\_\_ (date) **until** terminated by a mutual accord or until the representative reaches the age of 21. This agreement will automatically renew annually on July 1, unless terminated by either party in writing or if the youth member resigns.

PEP's adult Youth Engagement members and Leaders will provide:

1. Strong leadership training;
2. Training on substance use, misuse and consequences;
3. Training on substance use and misuse prevention efforts;
4. Professional development opportunities;
5. Opportunities for youth to develop and perfect leadership skills and;
6. Positive adult role models to empower youth to become strong community leaders in the area of Substance Use and misuse prevention.

The Youth through developed relationships, training and activities will:

1. Develop strong leadership skills;
2. Understand substance use, misuse, and consequences;
3. Participate in professional development opportunities;
4. Lead substance use and misuse prevention efforts;
5. Build relationships with other YE Committee members;
6. Participate in Sticker Shock;
7. Participate in compliance and Synar Compliance Checks;
8. Participate in Community Prevention Events;
9. Provide prevention education and activities to various groups;
10. Act as a positive role model for new coalition members and other community youth.

Responsibilities:

1. Plan the Cabell-Wayne Teen Summit
2. Be the voice of the community youth to local, state, and national stakeholders
3. Plan, develop, create, and promote prevention messages through YouTube videos and other forms of media
4. Promote chosen YouTube video through personal and public social media
5. Be a role model for other youth by abstaining from substance use or misuse



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6. Participate in local, state, and national prevention conferences when asked
7. Teach or facilitate prevention sessions if asked
8. Actively participate in fundraising to support the youth activities
9. Participate in peer-to-peer teaching as well as a mentor to elementary age youth on drug and alcohol prevention.
10. Help plan and participate in other planned community prevention events.
11. Volunteer as needed in PEP and/or United Way Events.

**Member Information:**

<b>Name (printed):</b>	
<b>School:</b>	
<b>Grade Level:</b>	
<b>If you are affiliated with a Community Center, please list which one:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address (If you don't have one, please list a parent's email:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Do you use social media, if so please list which ones and usernames. (This will be used as a communication method).</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	Home: _____ Cell: _____

**Signatures:**

<b>Youth Representative</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Chair of PEP</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Director of Substance Abuse Prevention</b>	<b>Date</b>