



1. WHAT IS THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL?

The Youth Action Council (YAC) consists of a group of teen developmental asset leaders from ages 13 to 18 who voice the opinion of teens within the community. This program helps develop the tools necessary for teens to:

- Build leadership skills and take responsibility in a variety of areas through leadership workshops.
- Promote mutual respect, understanding, and communication with teens of all cultures and backgrounds.
- Identify issues and concerns important to teens.
- Instill Developmental Assets in their everyday lives.

- Recognize they are valued and appreciated as a part of the community.
- Organize special events for the community such as: 50+ Ball event, Youth Leadership Morgan Hill program, and Warriors Against Vaping and E-Cigarettes presentations.
- Participate in a variety of events organized by the Recreation Department, Teen Center, Morgan Hill Library, YAC Attack Conference, and other community events.

2. **YAC REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be a resident of the City of Morgan Hill, San Martin, or an enrolled student in the Morgan Hill Unified School District.
- Must be 13 years old by July 1st and not older than 18.
- A minimum of 6 hours each month is required, including mandatory monthly meetings, planning subcommittee meetings, workshops, and community events.
- Must be available during the year from September to May.
- Parents/legal guardians participate in the YAC Parent Social and 50+ Ball and are encouraged to support any other YAC special events throughout the year.

3. **HOW TO APPLY**

- All students interested in becoming a YAC Member need to apply to the Youth Leadership Morgan Hill (YLMH) Program in July.
- YAC Applications will be emailed to the YLMH students on the 1st day of the program. The following day, there will be a YAC Applicants & Parents Orientation Night. The application must be submitted on the 3rd day of YLMH program in order to receive an appointment for an interview on the Friday of that week.
- To register for YLMH (Activity code # SSV005), visit <https://mhreconline.com>

4. DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET FRAMEWORK

Asset #7 - Community Values Youth

Young people perceive that adults in the community value youth.

YAC implements the 41 Developmental Assets framework so youth and teens are better equipped for a successful future away from violence, gangs, alcohol/drug abuse, and other social challenges.

To learn more about the Developmental Assets, visit the Project Cornerstone website:

<http://www.projectcornerstone.org>

5. LEARN MORE ABOUT YAC

YAC offers volunteering opportunities for all youth 13-18 years of age at the annual 50+ Ball event every Spring.

Additionally, all youth are welcome to observe the YAC Monthly Meeting for community service hours. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm (September and January meet on the second Tuesday) at the Centennial Recreation Center (CRC) or through Zoom.

For further information or to access meeting information please contact: Chiquy Mejia, Youth Development Coordinator chiquy.mejia@mhcrc.com or 408-310-4253



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