



APPLY TO JOIN COLORADO YOUTH CREATE!

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SEX ED AND YOUTH HEALTH AT A HIGHER ALTITUDE!

Colorado Youth Matter (CYM) in partnership with Advocates for Youth is searching for passionate youth activists from across Colorado to be part of a youth council, Colorado Youth CREATE (Change, Respond, Engage, Advocate, Transform, Empower). CREATE advocates for comprehensive and inclusive sex education and confidential sexual health services for all young people.

Colorado Youth CREATE is composed of 10 dynamic students from across the state who support and promote evidence-based and responsible sex education. Working closely with CYM's Youth Advocacy Manager, council members take a grassroots approach to comprehensive sex education, social & reproductive justice and other related policy issues by mobilizing communities to speak out and get involved.

Please fill out the entire application below by May 1st, 2014. We will be conducting interviews in person, by phone or via Skype throughout May until we have all 10 slots filled. Questions? Email lkattari@coloradoyouthmatter.org or call 303.225.8870

***We strongly encourage youth of color, differently-abled, parenting or pregnant, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/queer, and/or immigrant youth to apply.**

CREATE COUNCIL GOALS:

1. Raise awareness among young people about the need for comprehensive sex education and confidential sexual health services.
2. Work to change school policies and programs to include comprehensive sex education across Colorado.
3. Engage young people to take action to advocate for educational opportunities and health equity for all youth and their families.

_____ Check to indicate you understand the goals

CREATE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Participate in Mandatory Events such as orientation and Youth Action Day.
- Attend monthly meetings in Denver (must attend minimum 8 meetings of 10).



- Educate legislators, school administrators and board members on the importance of comprehensive sex education and access to confidential sexual health services.
- Co-organize Youth Action Day with CYM staff and board.
- Design and execute a plan to maximize use of social media.
- Participate in CREATE fundraising efforts to support youth advocacy.
- Produce fact sheets and resources for youth activists and adults.
- Publish at least two sexual health and/or advocacy-related blogs.
- Sign up at least 100 youth (per member) to receive information and activist alerts.
- Share personal ideas and collaborate with other council members and the staff and board at CYM.
- Have access to email and check your email daily.
- Be able to commit to the council for one whole year, August 2014- May 2015.
- Must have reliable transportation.
- Must be a student between 15 and 24 years old at the time of the application process.

_____ I understand the expectations.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- **\$100 monthly stipend.**
- To meet, work with, and learn from amazing young leaders across the state!
- To gain information and leadership skills that you will be able to capitalize on throughout your school and work careers.
- To collaborate and make connections with Colorado Youth Matter and Advocates for Youth staff who care about making change and supporting the youth council.
- To share your experience and perspective.
- Hard work, excitement, and fun...all while making a difference!
- The opportunity to travel, and attend trainings across the state!

_____ I understand.

COLORADO YOUTH CREATE COUNCIL APPLICATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name/Nickname _____ Preferred Gender Pronouns: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone Number: _____ ☐ cell ☐ home ☐ school

Best way to contact you? ☐ Telephone ☐ E-mail

Address:

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School/University and Grade/Year: _____



Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ (you must be between 15 and 24 y.o.)

Sexual Orientation (*optional*): _____

Race/Ethnicity (*optional*): _____

Short Answer Questions

Please answer the following questions in a separate document. Your thoughtful answers will help us to process applications at a more efficient speed. This is your chance to explain why you want to be a part of CREATE and the strengths that you will bring to the council.

1. Why do you want to join Colorado Youth CREATE?
2. Please list any extracurricular activities or leadership positions you currently hold or have in the past.
3. What changes do you think need to be made in our schools, communities and state to improve access to sex education and sexual health services? How can young people move these issues forward?
4. What education, experience, or knowledge do you have about comprehensive sex education, sexual health or advocacy?
5. What are you most excited to do as CREATE Council member?

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE PERSON (NOT A FAMILY MEMBER) WHO CAN SERVE AS A REFERENCE FOR YOU:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Certification of Applicant

Colorado Youth Matter stands for access to evidence-based, medically accurate and comprehensive sexuality education for young people. We value social justice and the inclusion of everyone regardless of identities. We believe that all young people should have unbiased access to complete, balanced, accurate, inclusive, and age-, gender-, and developmentally-appropriate information, skills, resources, and support about their sexual health. Please click [here](#) to indicate that you understand and align with the values of Colorado Youth Matter and will uphold and represent these values to the best of your ability, including only distributing materials and/or messaging that are approved by Colorado Youth Matter.

I do hereby certify that all statements made by me in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Further, I understand that in the event that I have knowingly and willingly made any false statements, my application will be immediately rejected.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION:

**Thank you for your interest in the CREATE Council.
Please send your application to:**



E-mail:

Lkattari@coloradoyouthmatter.org

Fax:

303.225.8871

Mailing Address:

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