



2022 AWCA YOUTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

About AWCA

The AWCA (Asian Women's Christian Association) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization operated by funds raised through grants, charity events, and donations. With a strong emphasis on community outreach, the AWCA continually provides much needed behavioral health, social welfare, health awareness, educational, youth, young adult, and senior services for the Asian-American community.

AWCA serves our community with women's leadership. This year, the AWCA celebrates 42 years of service to the community according to our mission statement: *AWCA (Asian Women's Christian Association), centered on the love of Christ, provides families with the resources to become healthy, contributing members of society through education, social, and homecare services.*

AWCA Youth Club Leadership Training

This year, the AWCA offers an in-person 7 session program at the AWCA center for high school students. We will accept **up to 10 students** from **grades 10-12**. Each member must participate in the welcoming, closing, and 5 of the main sessions (unless given prior notice and permission of absence) to receive recognition of successful completion, certifications, awards, and full **volunteer hours**. Each session will be held once on the last/second to last Thursday of each month from May - December.

We are confident that our youth club members will develop realistic leadership skills through involvement in our educational and enrichment sessions, and gaining experience with the chance to grow their strengths and interests as well as receive official certifications. True Leaders' important traits are Honesty, Communication, Confidence, Commitment, Positive Attitude, Creativity, Inspiration, Empathy, Accountability, Enthusiasm, Focus, Drive and Responsibility. Through the AWCA Youth Club, students will realize the importance of all these traits in every training process and will be allowed to explore their life purpose and goal in relation to serving God and His people.

1. Welcome/Orientation: **Thursday, May 19: 3:30-5:30pm**
 - Orientation, Ice Breaking, Introduction, Leadership & Volunteerism Seminar
2. Understanding Our Community: **Thursday, June 16: 3:30-5:30pm**
 - Intro to Community Partner Organizations
 - *Guests: (Jewish Federation), (Care Plus)*
3. Saving Lives: **Thursday, August 28: 1:00-5:00pm**
 - Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED American Red Cross Training
 - *Instructor: (AWCA)*
4. Mentorship/Networking: **Thursday, June 16: 3:30-5:30pm**
 - Networking & Mentorship with Young Adult Professional, Peer to Peer
 - *Guest: (KACE)*
5. Self-Search: **Thursday, October 20: 3:30-5:30pm**
 - SDS Career & Self-Assessment, Review, Training & Consultation
 - *Guest: (Ms. Stephanie Jang)*
6. Communications: **Thursday, November 17: 3:30-5:30pm**
 - Effective Communication, Public Speaking, Interpersonal & Leadership Skills/Tips
 - *Instructor: (AWCA), Guests: Tentative*
7. Closing/Ceremony: **Thursday, December 8: 3:30-5:30pm**
 - Closing Ceremony, Volunteer Hours Recognition, CPR/Leadership Certifications & Awards



Please see below for detailed information on the curriculum and program descriptions.

Note: The order and guests of the sessions is subject to change.

2022 Program Introduction & Descriptions

1. Welcome/Orientation: **Thursday, May 19: 3:30-5:30pm**

The AWCA is a place for social service, to give and receive by many volunteers and recipients. The program will start with a welcome and orientation session for accepted youth members to attend to meet their peers, the program directors, and learn about the AWCA. The session will also include an educational seminar in volunteerism, serving others in various aspects, and the importance of becoming leaders in society. Students will be asked to separate into groups to participate in ice breakers and set their goals in participating in the program.

2. Understanding Our Community: **Thursday, June 16: 3:30-5:30pm**

The second session will expand on learning and understanding our community, asking questions, and solving problems. AWCA will provide more insight into our work as a leading nonprofit organization and also introduce the differing and diverse community partner organizations who are involved and connected in our network. Special guest speakers will be invited to join, lead, and co-host the session to broaden the scope of vision and guide students to deeply examine and contribute to the betterment of the community for the next generation of youth.

3. Saving Lives: **Thursday, July 28: 1:00-5:00pm**

The AWCA Youth Club members need to be trained in different ways to become young leaders in their society. AWCA believes it is vital and useful for young students to learn the importance of how to handle and navigate emergency situations from an early age, especially given that the opportunity to participate in certified training courses is limited. Youth club members will receive American Red Cross certified licenses after their successful completion of the Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED online and in-person trainings, hosted by an AWCA instructor. Students must first complete an online training course at home before attending the in-person second portion of the course at AWCA. Volunteer hours will be recognized for the online course.

Please note: an additional fee is required in order to register for the American Red Cross course.

4. Mentorship/Networking **Thursday, August 25: 3:30-5:30pm**

This session will focus on the importance of networking, mentorship, and peer to peer mentorship for the development of our young leaders. A special young adult professional will be invited as the main speaker to share stories of their personal growth and journey as a community leader, faithful and mature adult, volunteer, and working professional to shed light on various skills and subjects. The speaker will open up the floor to any questions. Students will also break up into small groups to discuss their thoughts and share their personal interests and goals with their peers.

5. Self-Search: **Thursday, October 20: 3:30-5:30pm**

Youth Club members will have the chance to explore their personal interests, characteristics, hobbies, goals and desired career paths during this exclusive session. Students will fill out self-assessment questionnaires and quizzes and receive professional counseling and consultation from a professional private college and career consultant. The guest host will also provide a brief training course to educate students on skills for college preparation and future career paths/industries. Students are invited to ask questions, engage in discussion, share their results, and review with their peers.

Please note: depending on type of assessment test and consultation, an additional fee may be required to cover costs.



6. **Communications: Thursday, November 17: 3:30-5:30pm**

Effective communication, public speaking, active listening, self-presentation and interpersonal skills are essential aspects for students to develop to become better leaders of society. Hosted by the AWCA Youth Director, the last session will focus on a range of tips on how to strengthen and build various skills in leadership, self-motivation, creativity and thought as well as how to gain confidence and learn how to engage with others and the community in a resourceful and thoughtful way. Guests may be invited to co-host.

7. **Closing/Ceremony: Thursday, December 8: 3:30-5:30pm**

To conclude the Youth Leadership Training program, all youth club members will be invited to join the closing and ceremony event at the AWCA. All qualified students will receive recognition of participation and volunteer hours, American Red Cross certified licenses and certifications for First Aid/CPR/AED training, leadership certifications and awards to selected recipients. To commemorate the event, the Youth Club will join for group photos and a select few may be offered a chance to be interviewed for our YouTube channel, AWCA LIFE about their experiences during the program.

As a non-profit organization, we depend on our team of volunteers, especially our youth, to become well-rounded future leaders and make an impact in the community around us. AWCA hopes that many participate in the 2022 Youth Club Leadership Training program!

Evaluation and Recognition

Not only do AWCA Youth Leaders gain valuable experience working with people from all walks of life through our programs, but Youth Leaders also join our network, which allows them to have exclusive access to AWCA news, events, and opportunities. The membership does not expire for any member as long as they are in high school, and members can stay on with the group as mentors if they wish to participate after high school graduation.

At the end of the year, the AWCA Youth Club members are invited to join the awards and certification ceremony event after successful completion of the program, with the highest achievement earning "Leader of the Year" Award. All members who participate will receive volunteer hours for each session. Additionally, every AWCA volunteer who qualifies will receive the President's Award for Volunteerism through the AWCA. Students who qualify may receive recognition of volunteer hours for their college applications and may submit official requests to the AWCA Main Office for letters of recommendation.

AWCA Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Helping Hands & Other Volunteer Opportunities

After AWCA Youth Club members finish the certification process and the leadership training process, they will become eligible to sign up for various volunteer positions of their interest at AWCA as they become available. Students can participate for the Asian Senior Center, the SAT Scholarship Program as Teacher Assistants, different services, events, and programs at the AWCA.

Please be advised that applicants must fill out a separate volunteer application form to be considered for other volunteer positions and are invited to interview with the Main Office for a complete qualifications assessment. Accepted applicants must also complete an orientation course into the official AWCA volunteer network.



2022 AWCA Youth Club Membership Application

Please type or write legibly in blue or black ink. Only complete application packets will be considered. Please keep a copy of your application for your own records, as it will not be returned to you. Thank you for your interest in the AWCA Youth Leadership Training and we look forward to hearing from you!

Name: _____ Other Name: _____
First Last

Gender: Male Female Birthdate: _____

Address: _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: Phone Text Email Other: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Name Phone Number, Email Relationship

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Counselor Name: _____ Email: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Sports: _____

Music: _____

Art: _____

Leadership Experience: _____

Interests/Hobby: _____



Contact

For more information or questions, please contact us at (info@awcanj.org) or (201) 862-1665

Please send your complete application form to us by:

- Email:** AWCA Main (info@awcanj.org)
OR: AWCA Youth Coordinator (sylvia@awcanj.org)
- Title:** Subject Line: "AWCA Youth Club Application"
- Mail:** AWCA
9 Genesee Ave.
Teaneck, NJ 07666
- Fax:** (201) 862-1662
Include Cover Sheet with Subject Line: "AWCA Youth Club Application"

Your application may take up to several days to be processed and reviewed by our Main Office. Our staff will contact you via your preferred method of contact upon receipt of your application. Please note that due to the high volume of membership applications and limited numbers of membership, your application may be placed on a waiting list until further notice.