



Youth for Action

We Lead – Young people create change.

We Engage – Getting involved is transformative for youth.

We Matter – What we say and do makes a difference.

PURPOSE

Youth for Action is a youth led group that empowers our members as co-builders of community, fostering civic engagement, self-advocacy, leadership and emotional wellbeing.

MEMBERSHIP

The Youth for Action is a diverse body of Door County's eighth through twelfth grade students. Team membership will be comprised of a maximum of 10 youth from each of Door County's school districts and home-schooled youth. Two team leaders from each group will be elected.

LEADERSHIP

Youth will learn how to serve on a board, participate in committees, assess needs in the community, and learn how to manage projects. Each year the group will identify areas of focus for their work aligned with the goals of the United Way of Door County.

MEETINGS

Monthly Leadership meetings are held on the first Tuesdays of the month, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Membership meetings are held on the third Tuesdays of the month from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Additionally, activity planning and committee meetings will also be scheduled, as needed. Meeting times may be subject to change based on the availability of members.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR MEMBERS?

- Learn to serve others
- Become a team player
- Create partnerships in your community
- Actively participate in group decision-making
- Set goals and achieve them
- Find your passion and be inspired
- Gain public speaking skills
- Increase time management skills
- Learn conflict resolution
- Learn to work with and represent others
- Positive and fun experience, make friends throughout Door County!

TERM OF SERVICE

Youth for Action members may serve continuously through grade 12, with a recommitment form to be completed each year. Re-appointment will be determined by participation and conduct and is at the discretion of the United Way of Door County staff.

AGREEMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Being a member of Youth for Action requires a high degree of commitment. Before applying, please make sure that you are able to attend meetings and fully participate.

Members agree to:

- Serve as a positive role model for others.
- Conduct themselves professionally at all meetings, events, and on all social media.
- Provide for their own transportation to all meetings and events.
- Actively lead and participate in project committees.
- Take initiative in coordinating activities and leading community volunteer projects.
- Encourage and inspire other youth to serve.
- Advance the work of Youth for Action in full coordination with United Way of Door County staff.
- Be a great listener, take everyone's opinions into consideration.
- Strive to network and collaborate.
- Attend at least one regular or leadership meeting, committee meeting, planning meeting or service activity per month.
- Represent the United Way of Door County in a positive way at all times.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The membership process consists of an application and interview. All youth who are eligible to apply must meet the application requirements. We will get back to you about membership very soon.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application consists of:

- **Part I** – Contact information
- **Part II** – Short Reflection
- **Part III** - Signature page
- **Part IV** - One reference which can be from a teacher, school staff member, community member, or youth group leader

YOUTH FOR ACTION ONLINE APPLICATION

<https://forms.gle/g5UJ7S21M3MnY8qz6>

QUESTIONS?

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