2023 Teen Action Council (TAC) Application

The Teen Action Council (TAC) consists of a group of youth ages 13 to 18 who want to make a difference. TAC provides teens the opportunity to voice the opinions of youth within the community.

This program helps develop the tools necessary for teens to: build leadership skills; explore and identify issues and concerns important to teens; communicate issues and challenges to the Parks and Community Services Department (PCS) and to the Watsonville Public Library (WPL); organize special events for the community & participate in community events organized by PCS and WPL; and promote mutual respect, understanding, and multicultural representation for teens of different backgrounds.

TAC members implement the 41 Developmental Asset framework so youth and teens are equipped for a successful future away from gangs, violence, alcohol & drugs, and other negative influences.

Youth interested in participating in TAC must: be 13 to 18 years of age; be a resident of the City of Watsonville or a student attending a Pajaro Valley Unified School District school; maintain a 2.0 GPA; provide a letter of recommendation from a school teacher, counselor, or member of the community; and commit time and energy to monthly meetings, quarterly meetings and other possible events.

TAC requires parents'/legal guardians' participation in TAC Kick-off orientation.

Submit application to Nick Merolla at the G.H.W.R. Youth Center or Celeste Carrillo at the Watsonville Public Library no later than 5:00pm on Monday, August 28th.

Application Checklist:

- Application Form
- Activities & Motivations Response
- Letter of Recommendation
- Confirmation of 2.0 or better GPA

(For Returning TAC Members Only)
If you are a returning Teen Action Council Member, you must provide:

- Re-Submission of Application Form
- Confirmation of 2.0 or better GPA

For more information about the Teen Action Council and the application process, please attend the Candidate Information Meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Watsonville Public Library, main branch. Students, parents, and educators are welcome to attend.
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STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: ________________________________    Birth Date: ___________    Age: _____

Cell Phone: _______________________________    Email: _________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Alternate Phone: _________________________

Name of School: ________________________________________________    Grade: _____

How did you hear about TAC? ________________________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent’s Full Name: _____________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________    Email: __________________________________

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Phone: ___________________________    Email: __________________________________

ACTIVITIES & MOTIVATIONS

● List your participation in any sports, extracurricular activities, work, or other volunteer activities.

● We would like to know a little bit more about you and your interests. In 300 words or less, please address the following questions: Why are you interested in joining TAC? How do you think our community could better serve teens? Who is a hero of yours and why?

Submit your answers on a separate piece of paper and attach to the application. A typed submission is preferable, but hand-written submissions will be accepted. If you handwrite your response, please be sure your handwriting is neat and easy to read.

If you have filled out an online application and need to submit the required documents, please email Nick Merolla (nick.merolla@watsonville.gov) or Celeste Carrillo (celeste.carrillo@watsonville.gov).

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Student’s signature    Parent’s signature

Date:                          Date:
Teen Action Council (TAC) Member Expectations and Requirements

What to expect as a TAC member:

- A monthly Teen Action Council meeting
- A quarterly All Youth Group Round Table Discussion
- Planning events
- Addressing policies and issues with other youth, city departments or to City Council
- Monthly board or committee meeting for assigned member to attend

As a potential Teen Action Council member, below are the requirements and expectations of members to receive their $1,200 stipend, community hours and ensure that all youth are contributing within the council.

Each end of the quarter (3 month increments), $300 of the total stipend is given to TAC members that abide by the regulations below and others that are established amongst the TAC group. Failure to do so will then lead to a one on one quarterly evaluation meeting with the TAC member and the TAC facilitators. Based on the outcome, this may result in the loss of the $300 quarterly stipend and/or removal as a TAC member completely.

Teen Action Council Members must abide by:

- Minimum attendance at 3 monthly TAC Meetings with only one excused absence
- Attendance to the Quarterly All Youth Group Round Table Discussion unless there is an excused absence
- Adherence to TAC Community Expectations
  - Open minded
  - Active listening/No interrupting
  - Communication (late, absent, etc.)
  - Participate and contribute in discussions
  - Build off each other’s ideas
  - Respect ideas and opinions of others
- Attendance at events as assigned
- *If you are a TAC representative for the Library, Parks and Rec, Measure R or Measure Y – attendance is required, unless excused absence*

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this information, please plan to attend our informational meeting on **Tuesday, August 22nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm.**