



1. WHAT IS THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL?

The Youth Action Council (YAC) consists of a group of teens age 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
- Promote mutual respect, understanding, and communication with teens of all cultures and backgrounds
- Organize special events for the community such as: 50+ Ball and Youth Leadership Morgan Hill
- Recognize they are valued and appreciated as a part of the community

- YAC Members also participate in a variety of events organized by the Recreation department, Teen Center, Morgan Hill Library, YAC Attack Conference, and other community events.
- Identify issues and concerns important to teens.
- YAC offers a variety of leadership workshops that will well equip them as better leaders.

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 are required, including mandatory monthly meetings, planning subcommittee meetings, workshops, and community events.
- Must be available during the year from September to May.
- YAC requires parents/legal guardians' participation in the YAC Parent Social, 50+ Ball, and 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, and on the 2nd there will be a Parent Orientation. The application must be submitted on the 2nd day of YLMH in order to receive an appointment for an interview on the Friday of that week.
- YLMH registration packets are available at <https://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/273/Youth-Action-Council>. To register visit: <https://mhreonline.com/>

4. DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET FRAMEWORK

Asset #7

Community Values Youth

Young person perceives 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. GET INVOLVED

YAC offers volunteering opportunities for youth 13-19 years of age at the annual 50+ Ball every Spring. Additionally, youth are welcome to observe the YAC Monthly Meetings for community service hours. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month except for the second Tuesday in September and January at 5:30 pm at the Centennial Recreation Center (CRC) or through Zoom.

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