



THE OVERCOMING HURDLES IN OHIO YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

OHIO YAB Youth Stipend Program

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STATE
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Program Purpose

The purpose of the OHIO YAB Youth Stipend Program is to provide youth with empowerment opportunities in which they can further their leadership skills while sharing their experiences and recommendations regarding the child welfare system. Funding for the stipend program has been allocated through the ODJFS WIA grant.

DEREK BIGGERS
VICE PRESIDENT

Program Stipulations

OHIO YAB stipends are awarded to OHIO YAB members, who participate in approved OHIO YAB events, assist in providing services or participate at events in which OHIO YAB has been requested to attend. Members will be notified in advance as to which activities and events have a stipend associated with them and will be provided equal opportunity to participate in such events. OHIO YAB meetings, unless otherwise noted, are not part of the OHIO YAB Stipend Program. Youth will receive notification of stipend-related events at either OHIO YAB meetings or OHIO YAB emails.

**KATRINA
GALLIMORE**
SECRETARY

Participant Eligibility

Youth must be between the ages of fourteen and twenty-three. Youth must either currently be under the custody of a Public Child Serving Agency or have been under the custody of a Public Child Serving Agency within the last 5 years. Youth must formally be signed up as an OHIO YAB member (see Youth Membership Sign Up Form). Youth must be able to have or secure reliable transportation. Youth are recommended to regularly attend OHIO YAB meetings to receive prompt information regarding stipend opportunities as well as maintain an active email account as notification of events will also be sent out via email.

**LAURA
JOHNSON**
TREASURER

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TAYLOR**
SPOKESMAN

JAMES BURGE
PARLIAMENTARIAN

Program Description

Youth will be reimbursed \$45 dollars for a half-day event (less than 4 hours) and reimbursed \$75 for a full day event (more than 4 hours). Youth who transport themselves to events will be reimbursed for mileage to and from the event. Stipends will be provided in the form of VISA gift cards. Stipends, unless otherwise noted, will be provided the same day as the event or activity.

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AND PRACTICES THAT EFFECT ALL YOUTH WHO HAVE OR WILL EXPERIENCE OUT OF HOME CARE"*