



## The Overcoming Hurdles In Ohio Youth Advisory Board

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### OHIO YAB Youth Stipend Program

#### Program Purpose

The purpose of the OHIO YAB Youth Stipend Program is to provide Ohio foster care youth and alumni (18+) with empowerment opportunities, during which they can further their leadership skills while sharing recommendations regarding the child welfare system.

#### 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. OHIO YAB Quarterly Meetings are **not** part of the OHIO YAB Stipend Program.

#### Participant Eligibility

- **Age:** Youth must be fourteen or older, and either currently be under the custody of a Public Child Serving Agency or have been under the custody of children services in the past.
- **Ohio YAB membership:** Youth must formally be signed up as an OHIO YAB member (see *Youth Membership Sign Up Form*).
- **Code of Conduct and Internet Policy:** Only youth who have signed the *Ohio YAB Code of Conduct*, and agreed to abide by *Ohio YAB Internet Policy* will be considered to represent “the statewide voice of foster care youth” during events.

#### Program Description

Youth will be reimbursed:

- \$45 dollars for a half-day event (*less than 4 hours, including travel time*)
- \$75 for a full day event (*more than 4 hours, including travel time*)

#### Notification

- Youth and adult supporters will receive notification of stipend-related events during OHIO YAB meetings or through OHIO YAB emails.
- Youth are recommended to regularly attend **OHIO YAB Quarterly Meetings** to receive prompt information regarding stipend opportunities, and to maintain an active email account in order to be connected with events and opportunities sent out via email.