



## **D.A.R.E. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY BOARD (YAB) SELECTION GUIDELINES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The purpose of the Youth Advocacy Board is to give D.A.R.E. graduates an opportunity to speak to issues impacting the worldwide D.A.R.E. program and to advise D.A.R.E. America and local D.A.R.E. programs, government and community leaders on drug and violence prevention strategies beneficial to our youth. In addition to the above, the YAB is a working board, engaging in letter writing and media response, as well as role modeling and speaking at D.A.R.E. functions within their states.

### **SELECTION GUIDELINES**

The Youth Advocacy Board selection criteria for the D.A.R.E. International Youth Advocacy Board must include the following:

- 1) Must be at least a freshman (age 15) or no older than a sophomore in high school/secondary school at the time of the selection, and be willing and available to serve on the Youth Advocacy Board for a minimum of two full years.
- 2) Must be a graduate of either or both of the elementary and/or middle school D.A.R.E Programs, high school.
- 3) Must have a history of demonstrated academic achievement and community involvement.
- 4) Must be articulate and comfortable with public speaking.
- 5) Must be representative of the diversity of your state population.

**FINAL SELECTION of YAB Applicant is made by D.A.R.E. America/International**

### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

YAB duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following listed below. Duties and responsibilities must be met to maintain YAB status:

- Progress report every 30 days including but not limited to:
  - Any activities
  - Completion of project
  - Meetings
  - Personal Appearance
- Writing correspondences to local decision makers
- Responding to media
- Speaking at special events
- Providing youth input through surveys, discussions, data collecting, etc.
- Attending the required YAB meetings.
- Creating Public Service Announcement videos
- Must participate in two (2) major project in the year
- Must attend the D.A.R.E. International Conference when requested
- Contributes to the D.A.R.E America/International Instagram

In addition, many states/countries can:

- Have the student serve as a peer mentor
- Have the student speak at D.A.R.E. graduations where possible
- Have student volunteer at local D.A.R.E. conference booths

\*\*It should also be noted that the Youth Advocacy Board is now the only student group eligible for the National D.A.R.E. America Louis “Skip” Miller scholarship. Each year, one or more national members from the senior YAB pool will receive the scholarship. Because this is a wonderful opportunity, please keep that in mind when selecting a YAB member.

**Biography, contact information, recommending officer’s name, and a photograph of the new YAB member should be forwarded to Jacqueline Ho, D.A.R.E. International Youth Advocacy Board Coordinator.** If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline Ho at (800) 223-3273 or via email [jacqueline.ho@dare.org](mailto:jacqueline.ho@dare.org).