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**Destiny of our Daughters Youth Ambassador Council Membership Description**

**2024-2025 Term**

The Youth Ambassador Council (DDYAC) is a group of young people who will give feedback about Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. programs to ensure their relevance to girls ages 8 -18. While serving as advisors, the DDYAC members will also create and implement a community project of their choice with the support of staff. Members of DDYAC will be involved as advisers that connect with Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. board members and staff for advice and feedback on programs. They will be involved directly with recruiting program participants, volunteering with programs, and contributing to the Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. mission. Members are required to attend 4 meetings a year (once a quarter).

***Eligibility requirements:***

* Young people ages 15-21
* Passion for girls’ and youth empowerment
* Resident of Erie, Pa
* Able to commit to at least a 1-year term that runs from January-August and includes self-paced work at about 3-4 hours per month.
* There are no term limits, so long as the member is still between the ages of 15 and 21 and in “good standing” they may continue to serve for multiple years.
* Members are required to attend 4 meetings a year (once a quarter).

***Membership benefits:***

* Serve as an advisor and expert on girls and youth today.
* Ability to positively impact young women in their community.
* Networking and building community with like-minded peers.
* Personal growth and ability to connect with community through empowerment work.
* Professional development opportunities such as representing Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. at outreach/recruitment/community events, experiencing council membership, etc.
* Opportunity to exercise leadership and gain access to professional references.
* Mentorship opportunities with the Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. staff and in person meet ups to connect.
* And more!

***Advisor responsibilities:***

***Contribute meaningfully to Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. and the DDYAC once every three months (quarterly). DDYAC will assist with recruitment efforts and planning Young Women Empowerment Conference, as well as other events to be determined. Members will also engage in their own advocacy and leadership activities with the assistance of staff.***

***Requirements for members of DDYAC:***

* *Attending in-person or virtual meetings depending on location*
* *Participate in activities which benefit Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. (examples):*
  + *Responding to a staff person’s request to review a curriculum or program idea.*
  + *Volunteering consistently with a program or in the office.*
  + *Leading workshops, tabling and attending Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. events.*
  + *Assist or lead local fundraising efforts.*
* *Activities which benefit the community/girls:*
  + *Writing a blog post about a chosen topic.   .*
  + *Tabling and representing Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc****.*** *at a community event.*
  + *Hosting panels/small events to spread self-efficacy knowledge and/or foster community.*
  + *Researching, designing, and leading a breakout workshop at the Young Women Empowerment Conference.*
  + *Other creative project ideas (to be agreed upon by Destiny of Our Daughter’s Inc. staff.)*

**Attend required meetings on the following dates (2nd Friday of the Month):**

* December 5-7 pm – Retreat and Welcome Meeting
* January 5-7 pm – Winter Meeting
* April 5-7 pm – Spring Meeting
* July 5-7 pm – Summer Meeting Close

***Attend optional volunteer opportunities***

* Mentoring Program
* Peer-to-Peer Fundraising
* Tabling Events
* Annual Conference – August

***Actively participate and engage with DDYAC email correspondence and the DDYAC group text.***

**Destiny of our Daughters Youth Ambassador Council Membership**

1. **Name (First & Last): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Gender:**

* **Male**
* **Female**
* **Non – Binary**

1. **Where do you attend school?**
2. **What year are you in school?**
3. **Mailing Address (Number, Street Name, City, State, and Zip Code):**
4. **Phone Number:**
5. **Email Address:**
6. **Do you speak any language other than English?**

* **Yes**
* **No**

**If yes, please list them:**

1. **Have you participated in any Destiny of Our Daughters related programs or events in the past?**

* **Yes**
* **No**
* **Unsure**

**If yes please list what program or event:**

1. **Have you even been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?**

* **Yes**
* **No**

1. **As part of the Youth Ambassador Council, you will work with your community in connection with Destiny of Our Daughters staff, board members and network. Please tell us about an idea, a problem, or a project that you are passionate about. This can be something you have already done or something you wish to do in your community.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**