



Dear UNICEF High School Club Volunteers,

Thank you for putting children first! UNICEF has saved more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization for one crucial reason: UNICEF is best equipped to tackle the major child killers like malaria, pneumonia, malnutrition and AIDS. No one does this work better than UNICEF. Today, 17,000 children in developing countries die each day of preventable causes. Together, with your support, we can make this number zero. **Leadership for UNICEF High School Clubs throughout the country is crucial to achieving this goal, and I am pleased to announce that applications for the 2015-2016 UNICEF High School National Council are now being accepted.**

The UNICEF High School Club program is a growing grassroots movement rooted in the belief that students have a vital role to play in helping the world's children survive, thrive, and develop in society. UNICEF High School Club Leaders conduct education, advocacy, and fundraising activities to achieve this goal. Now, with over 380 clubs and hundreds of highly active leaders, it is necessary to further build connections among clubs and expand the program's impact.

The UNICEF High School National Council consists of 6 members, selected based upon their commitment to UNICEF, leadership experience, and innovative ideas they will bring to the work of the Council. The Council works closely with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF staff to represent and support high school clubs around the country as well as create resources, host webinars, and manage social media and newsletter content. Most importantly, the Council will obtain feedback from High School Clubs and individuals to make specific recommendations regarding the work of high school volunteers.

**We invite you to apply for this exciting opportunity!** If selected, there will be three mandatory events members must attend, all travel expenses covered by the US Fund for UNICEF:

- Four Day J7 Training and participation at the National Service Learning Conference in Washington DC, April 10-12, optional days April 8-9.
- Nine day participation at UNICEF J-7 Youth Conference in Germany, May 6-14
- Three day participation in Annual National Council Training, July 24-26.
- Please note you will need to be accompanied by a parent or school employee chaperone for the New York City and Washington D.C. trainings

Training in Washington DC will take place prior to the participation in the UNICEF J-7 Youth Conference in Germany, where Council Leaders will represent UNICEF Youth Volunteers from the United States at forums, workshops and working group discussions. More information on the UNICEF J7 event will be provided during the interview process if you are selected. Formal National Council Training will take place in July in New York City, where specialized roles and work plans will be assigned, and members will officially become the National Council leaders for their regions for the 2015-2016 school year.

**The deadline for the application is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Please submit the application to [highschoolclubs@unicefusa.org](mailto:highschoolclubs@unicefusa.org).**

Again, thank you for your commitment to UNICEF and the world's children!

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## UNICEF High School Clubs National Council 2015-2016 Application

### **UNICEF High School Club National Council Mission Statement**

The U.S. Fund for UNICEF (USF) High School Club National Council is in its second year and serves to strengthen the UNICEF High School Club program. The National Council represents the interests of youth and promotes youth involvement within UNICEF High School Clubs across the U.S. The Council works closely with USF staff to support clubs and individual student volunteers. And most importantly, the Council gathers and analyzes feedback from high school volunteers to make specific recommendations regarding the work of the UNICEF High School Club program.

### **Membership**

The USF High School National Council consists of 6 members. Members commit to serving more than a full year term with the additional participation to UNICEF J7 event. Commitment dates are April 2015 to July 2016. After an initial application is processed, qualified candidates will be asked to conduct a phone interview with USF staff.

### **The Opportunity**

If selected to serve on the Council, each member will create his or her own work plan based upon a specialized role within the Council as well as overarching responsibilities to develop supportive and effective peer relationships with high school leaders in their identified regions. Other responsibilities include gathering and giving feedback, creating resources, drafting social media content, writing newsletters, promoting collaboration, and providing support to clubs in their regions. Tasks will also include preparing high schools to organize and execute USF national campaigns, such as Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, End Trafficking, and the UNICEF Tap Project. Below is a brief list of additional expectations for Council members.

- Participate in bi-monthly conference calls
- Maintain consistent contact with High School Clubs within respective regions
- Manage UNICEF High School Clubs Facebook and Twitter pages
- Complete National Council surveys twice a year, as well as reporting and reflection surveys
- Submit highlights of club successes within region
- Work with USF staff to set programmatic goals and assist in moving the program forward

### **Selection**

Only UNICEF High School Club leaders and members are encouraged to apply.

- Applications are due **March 1, 2015**
- Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis and after the aforementioned deadline, tentatively between March 4-11, 2015.
- If selected, there will be a mandatory training in Washington DC in April, mandatory participation in UNICEF J-7 Youth Conference in Germany in May, and mandatory National Council Training in New York City in July. Please note you will need to be accompanied by a parent or school employee chaperone for the Washington D.C. (April 8-12) and New York City (July 24-26) trainings. Two UNICEF chaperones will accompany the team to Germany (May 6-14) and parental approval is mandatory for all events.
- All travel will be booked and paid for by the US Fund for UNICEF.



**UNICEF High School Clubs National Council  
2015-2016 Application Form**

*Upon completion, please email your application to [highschoolclubs@unicefusa.org](mailto:highschoolclubs@unicefusa.org).*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Other Groups/Associations: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please carefully read all of the following questions and answer accordingly. Each answer should be about 1-2 paragraphs.**

1. Why do you support UNICEF's work and why are you applying to be on the UNICEF High School Clubs 2015-2016 National Council?
3. How long have you been involved with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF/the UNICEF High School Clubs Program? What have you accomplished with the program?
4. What practical goals would you set for your term of the UNICEF High School Clubs National Council?
5. What team environments, beyond the UNICEF High School Club program, have you worked in? Highlight examples of shared leadership roles you have experienced demonstrating your ability to work effectively as a member of a small or large team.
6. How would this align with your future academic/professional goals?

**Please note:** If selected, National Council members are required to attend a four day training in Washington DC in April and a three day training in New York City in July accompanied by a chaperone, as well as an international conference in Germany to represent UNICEF Youth, the J-7 Conference. If the legal guardian is not accompanying the student to Washington DC or New York City, the chaperone must obtain official consent from the legal guardian prior to traveling with the student. One pre-selected male and pre-selected female who work for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and have passed a background check will accompany the team to the conference in Germany.

**Parent Consent Form**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) hereby certify that I am the minor applicant's

Parent  guardian or  Person in loco Parentis, and I am at least 18 years of age and that this application was filled out with my full consent.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_