



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

Dear Governor's Youth Advisory Council Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Governor's Youth Advisory Council (GYAC)! I created this council in 2017 to gain the perspective of New Hampshire youth regarding substance misuse and the state's prevention efforts. As the State of New Hampshire faces a substance epidemic, our youth play an important role in creating community change and impacting the health of our schools and communities.

The Governor's Youth Advisory Council plays a critical and influential role in the state's response to the epidemic. Being chosen for the Council is truly an honor. It means that you have worked diligently throughout the year to help make a positive change in your school and/or community and want to bring that action to the state level.

We will review your application, as well as the criteria listed below. Please be as thorough as possible when completing your application. Please be aware that we may not be able to invite all applicants to join the Council. Those that do not receive an invitation are encouraged to reapply for the following school year. To be eligible to serve on the Council, you should fit the following criteria:

- Are at least 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade
- Have a strong desire to spread the substance-free message to other teens
- Have demonstrated an ability to interact with your peers through involvement in positive youth organizations
- Be available to commit to actively participating in all Council meetings
- Are active in, or plan to join, a club or organization within your community working to address teen substance use
- Have submitted a completed GYAC application

Please complete and return all elements of the attached application. If you have any questions about the Council or application, please send an email to gyac@nh.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher Sununu
Governor