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United Way of Buffalo & Erie County's Youth Access Coalition (YAC)
Youth Ambassador Program – Guardian Consent Form

About the Youth Access Coalition (YAC)

The United Way's Youth Access Coalition (YAC) is a collaborative network of community leaders and organizations dedicated to improving opportunities and access for youth and families across Erie County. YAC brings together professionals from education, nonprofit organizations, government, and community-based programs who are committed to ensuring that all young people have the support and resources they need to succeed.

"Nothing About Us, Without Us, Is For Us."

This means that youth voice is essential in shaping the programs, systems, and opportunities designed to serve them.

Purpose of the Youth Ambassador Program
The Youth Ambassador Program engages selected students as ongoing partners in YAC's work. Youth Ambassadors:

- Will attend workshops to become informed community members and civic leaders amongst their peers
- Share their perspectives, experiences, and ideas to help inform community initiatives
- Provide feedback on programs, services, and strategic planning efforts
- Participate in discussions, meetings, and engagement opportunities (virtual and/or in-person)
- Represent the voices of their peers to help improve outcomes for youth across the community

Participation is ongoing throughout the school year and summer, and students may be invited to take part in various sessions, events, or activities as part of this role.

Student Information

Student Name: _____
Grade Level: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Guardian Consent

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I, _____, am the parent/guardian of the student listed above. I permit my child to participate in the United Way Youth Access Coalition (YAC) Youth Ambassador Program.
I understand that:

- My child's participation is voluntary and may include ongoing involvement in meetings, discussions, and activities throughout the school year
- Some activities may take place during school hours and/or after school, and may be held virtually or in person
- My child may be asked to share their opinions, experiences, and ideas to help inform community initiatives
- When participation occurs during the school day, my child may miss class time and will be supervised by appropriate school staff
- I will receive communication regarding upcoming opportunities, and can withdraw my child from participation at any time by notifying program staff

By signing below, I acknowledge my understanding and consent to my child's participation in this ongoing program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Media Release

I permit my child to be photographed, recorded, or quoted for use by United Way for educational, promotional, or reporting purposes.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____
Date: _____

If you have any questions about the Youth Ambassador Program, please contact:

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