

AYLUS Leadership Application Form

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Position to apply (1st Choice)	President
Position to apply (2nd Choice)	Vice President

I started doing volunteering work with AYLUS since my local branch was created during the pandemic. As a worldwide crisis was ongoing, being able to make an impact on my community with my local branch was something that became more meaningful to me the more I participated in AYLUS activities. Through volunteering through activities such as helping at local festivals, doing environmental cleanups, and preparing food at food banks, it raised my awareness of local issues. After some time, being able to see the positive effects that our work had left in our area had inspired me to begin to pursue a larger role.

I started by applying for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, I took on leadership roles in events, where I helped to coordinate event procedure, as well as write reports afterwards. Through the events that I led, I became more familiar with the administrative proceedings of AYLUS. When I had become familiar with how everything had worked, I ran for president of my local branch and succeeded. With my new role, I was able to create and plan events that hadn't been done before.

However, volunteering isn't the only area in which I've had experience managing responsibilities and starting new things. Through school, I have strived to always push myself academically by taking multiple AP classes per year, as well as balancing that with engaging in clubs such as Mock Trial, Drama Club, and Model

UN. Balancing the time I had between school and volunteering for AYLUS has made me more responsible with how I manage my tasks.

Ultimately, I believe that my experience in event leadership and organization, as well as the importance I place in assisting communities in need would make me well suited for this position.

