## **AYLUS Leadership Application Form**

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Two years ago, I founded AYLUS Cheshire Branch. I had seen the struggles that COVID had caused within our community and sought to remedy those through volunteering with AYLUS. In the two years of our branch's lifetime, we have contributed 1,000+ volunteer hours to our community and fundraised over \$3,000. Our branch has awarded 14 PVSA awards, including 8 Gold PVSA awards. Ultimately, in the first year of volunteering we had already made a great difference in our community, receiving the status of Branch of the Year.

As a founder and a longstanding member of Cheshire Branch, I have been a key factor in our branch's success from the start. As president I directed numerous activities with our branch such as bottle drives, partnerships with youth services, food pantry drives, preschool concerts, car washes, and aid for international crises. I was responsible for contacting organization owners, scheduling dates, creating sign-up sheets and writing event summaries. Through the work I did, I experienced first-hand just how important the things we were doing for the community really were. I am truly engaged in my work and take pride in being a positive influence in our community.

Our branch recently initiated a fundraiser goal for our local high school of \$5,000, and it has worked extremely well in both spreading our cause in our community and motivating members of our branch to strive for this common goal. If elected as national Vice-President, I will assist the President to create a goal for AYLUS to achieve within this next year. This will promote the growth of AYLUS's cause nationally and can spread our mission nationally. Last year, I traveled to the well-established AYLUS San Diego Branch to seek advice and participate in their events to learn what made their success possible. I took some of the things that I had learned and later implemented them in my own branch. I will assist the President to make resources and ideas available to new branches to support the future development of AYLUS.