



# AYLUS

The Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States

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## AYLUS Leadership Application Form

Name	Brenna Li
Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> (2024/2025)
Branch Name	Columbus, Ohio
Branch Positions	<u>Columbus Branch:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Mentor (2024/25), President (2023/24), Vice President (2022/23)</li><li>• Started volunteering with AYLUS since 4<sup>th</sup> grade and became official member since 2018 (Our branch requires members to at least in middle school)</li></ul> <u>National AYLUS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National AYLUS Mental Health Committee Chair (2023/24)</li><li>• Deputy Editor-in-Chief (2023/24), Editor (Sept 2021 to Apr 2023) of the AYLUS Times monthly newsletter</li></ul>
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Position to apply (1 <sup>st</sup> Choice)	National AYLUS Vice President
Position to apply (2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice)	National AYLUS President

### Short Essay (150-350 words):

I have volunteered with AYLUS since elementary school and become branch leader in 2022. Under my leadership team, number of members, and annual event numbers, and total annual member hours have all more than doubled, winning Columbus branch the Branch-of-the-Year awards for 2022/23 and 2023/24, when we also established collaborations on numerous programs with the local government offices, business association, food pantry, Asian Festival, local chapters of the Alzheimer's association and Engineer without Borders, etc. I also led in establishing and maintaining a weekly tutoring program for students in a local underserved community.

As AYLUS mental health committee chair, I organized a national survey, collecting 418 responses from 28 branches, analyzed the data, and shared the findings across AYLUS branches nationwide, raising mental health awareness. Additionally, as an editor and then deputy editor-in-chief for the AYLUS Times, I help to promote volunteerism and the impact of AYLUS through the monthly newsletter.

Outside of AYLUS, I am founder and President of a mental health club and Vice President of a Chinese club at my high school and was the emcee for the 2023 Ohio Chinese Festival. I am also a founding



leader of a local Chinese school youth leadership club and a volunteer Technology/Content Producer for a nonprofit national wound organization.

If elected, under the leadership of the AYLUS board of directors, I will work with the student leadership team in continuing the efforts in advancing AYLUS's mission in communities service, strengthening branch-to-branch communication and collaboration, and enhancing the reach and influence of AYLUS. Potential projects I propose:

1. **Sister Branch System Initiative:** Building the system in AYLUS, pairing newer branches with established/honor branches will help the newer branches and facilitate effective branch-to-branch communications and collaborations at the student leaders' level, in addition to the advisors' level.
2. **Advocacy Campaign:** Encouraging branch leaders to reach out to local government and organization officials to introduce and promote the branch to enhance visibility, increase volunteer opportunities, and amplify the overall impact of AYLUS. Include a brief introductory video if possible. The video-generating process will also encourage creativity and team-bounding.