

## AYLUS Leadership Application Form

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Branch Name	Greater Princeton Branch
Current Branch Position	Vice President
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Position to apply (1 <sup>st</sup> Choice)	Vice President
Position to apply (2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice)	“Crafts For Hope” Committee Chair

**Note:** For applying committee chair position, please skip the 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

Short Essay on why applying for this position (150-350 words):

I am applying to be Vice President of the AYLUS national leadership because I am deeply committed to advancing our organization's mission and supporting our members. As a longtime member of more than five years, I have had the wonderful chance to serve my community in many ways— from planting trees, cleaning nature trails, and taking care of local wildlife, to working at the food bank, preserving national archive documents, and supporting the frontline workers of COVID-19. Volunteering at these events not only instilled a sense of purpose within me, but also made me realize I'd like to continue to take on more responsibility within our organization.

I am eager to bring fresh ideas to the headquarters that will further our impact on the community. If elected as Vice President, one project I hope to expand nationwide is Crafts for Hope. This is an initiative that I created at my local AYLUS branch, where volunteers have the opportunity to make functional art that will be used by different people in need. So far, I have taught members how to crochet hats for cancer patients going through chemotherapy. We are excited to be donating our hats this fall, just in time for the cooler weather. Our goal for the future is to provide handmade care items to other vulnerable populations, including NICU babies, children in foster care, and hospice patients. Crafts for Hope will provide meaningful volunteering opportunities for those who are looking for new ways to make a difference in their community, and I would love to have the chance to share my expertise with other headquarters leaders to expand this project around the country.

With a strong passion for community engagement, I believe I can contribute to AYLUS's growth and success. My leadership experience as a Vice President of the Greater Princeton Area and Editor-in-Chief of AYLUS Times, combined with my dedication to new ideas as creator of Crafts for Hope, positions me well to effectively serve in the role of Vice President of AYLUS headquarters.