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AYLUS Leadership Application Form

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Grade	12
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Current Branch Position	President
City and State	San Diego, California
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PVSA Award(s) & Year(s)	2024 Silver, 2025 Gold, 2026 Bronze
Position to apply (1 st Choice)	President
Position to apply (2 nd Choice)	Vice-President

Note: For applying committee chair position, please skip the 2nd Choice

Please email this application to: aylfus@gmail.com

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

Dear AYLUS Committee,

I am writing to apply for the position of AYLUS President, with Vice President as my second choice.

Over the past three years, AYLUS has become one of the most important parts of my high school experience. Through service and leadership, I have learned how to work with others, solve problems, and make a positive impact in my community. During this time, I have earned the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for three consecutive years and currently serve as President of the AYLUS San Diego Branch, leading a chapter of more than 200 members.

As Branch President and former Chair of Technology, I have helped organize community service projects, improve communication systems, and support the coordination of more than 15 events. These experiences have strengthened my leadership skills and taught me how to manage teams and large projects effectively.

One of my proudest accomplishments is founding and leading Smiling Stars, a volunteer program that supports neurodivergent children. The program has operated for over 100 consecutive weeks. In recognition of its impact, Smiling Stars received the Alliance of Chinese Americans Community Service Award in 2024 and 2026. I am also involved in the English for the Elderly program, which received the ACA Community Service Award in 2025.

In addition, I have organized beach cleanups at La Jolla and Torrey Pines State Beach, as well as other volunteer events involving 30–50 participants. I was also one of the founders of a weekly



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Writing Workshop to help students improve their writing skills while encouraging collaboration and personal growth.

In addition, I have applied for the Congressional Award Bronze Medal and plan to apply for the Silver Medal this fall. Working toward the Congressional Award has taught me the importance of setting long-term goals, staying committed, and challenging myself through service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration. I will promote this award, because I feel like other volunteers of AYLUS can greatly benefit from this award, both the result and the process.

If elected, I hope to strengthen collaboration among branches, expand mentorship opportunities, and support sustainable service programs that create long-term impact. I want to help members connect with one another, develop leadership skills, and find meaningful ways to serve their communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to serve as President and contribute to the continued growth of AYLUS.

Sincerely,

Max Yang

President, AYLUS San Diego Branch