## **AYLUS Leadership Application Form**

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Grade	12 (Rising Senior)
Branch Name	San Diego Branch
Current Branch Position	President
City and State	San Diego, CA
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PVSA Award(s) & Year(s)	2023 - Teens Silver PVSA (80.5 hours) 2024 - Teens Gold PVSA (213 hours) 2025 - Young Adult Gold AYLUS Volunteer Service Award (251 hours)
Position to apply (1st Choice)	President
Position to apply (2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice)	Vice-President

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

Please email this application to: aylfus@gmail.com

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

I joined AYLUS's San Diego Branch at the peak of the pandemic in 2020, primarily to get out of the house and my time meaningfully. Now, motivation has grown into a deeper commitment towards serving my local community through effort and leadership.

Throughout my time with AYLUS, I have accumulated over 600 volunteer hours -including around 250 hours this year. I've been actively involved in tutoring activities such as
Smiling Stars (since October 2023), English for the Elderly (since January 2023), and various
other volunteerism, in addition to two events that I initiated myself: the bottle and battery
recycling events (since June 2024), whose funds are all donated back to AYLUS.

After five years of volunteering at my local branch, I am applying for the position of President (and, as second-choice, Vice-President) at AYLUS's national branch. I believe I am ready to expand my experience, ideas, and efforts outside of my local community to a national level, to support AYLUS branches across the country.

As the current president of the San Diego branch and former co-vice president (2024-2025 term), I have coordinated tutoring schedules, organized events, helped newer members find their place and own events to participate in, and worked to keep our events running smoothly. If I were elected to a national role, I would prioritize communication and inclusion across branches -- helping one another. One idea I'd be intent on implementing is a national AYLUS mentorship network that would connect, kind of like WeChat's "Shake" function, longstanding branches with newer or smaller branches to foster collaboration and boost growth. I also believe co-leading an AYLUS-wide charity drive with a focus on humanitarian issues such as war relief and donations are timely and important to focus on.

AYLUS San Diego has been Branch of the Year since 2016, and I am honored to have learned from the previous leaders and my current team. Again, if I am elected, I look forward to contributing and giving back on a broader scale, connecting with members across the country, and supporting AYLUS all the ways that I can.