

## **AYLUS Leadership Application Form**

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Current Branch Position	- Vice President
	- Empowerment Education Committee Chair
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PVSA Award(s) & Year(s)	Gold for 2022-2025
Position to apply (1 <sup>st</sup> Choice)	National Empowerment Education Committee
	Chair
Position to apply (2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice)	NA

**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 in 2021 and discovered my passion for community service through the diverse volunteer opportunities the organization offers. Currently, I serve as Vice President of the Greater Princeton branch and as the founder and chair of the Empowerment Education Committee. Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of leading this national committee and am excited to apply for a second term as Chair to continue expanding its reach and impact.

Since the committee's launch, our tutoring initiative in partnership with Interfaith RISE has grown into a stable and impactful program that supports refugee families as they adjust to the American education system. What began in October 2023 with just five volunteers and one family has expanded to a team of 48 volunteers who have collectively provided over 1,500 service hours across more than 160 tutoring sessions, assisting 13 students from four families.

Through partnerships with the New Jersey Office for Refugees and the IRC, our tutors have learned to navigate language barriers, address sensitive topics, and foster meaningful connections through both academic support and social interaction. Activities like board games, drawing, and storytelling have helped boost students' confidence, strengthen relationships, and promote cultural understanding.

As I enter my second year leading the Empowerment Education Committee, my goals are to solidify the committee's infrastructure and broaden its national presence. This includes standardizing tutor training across AYLUS chapters, facilitating cultural exchange to strengthen student-tutor relationships, monitoring academic progress and social integration, and securing sustainable funding and partnerships to support local efforts.



By continuing to lead this initiative, I hope to empower more AYLUS members across the country to become advocates for equitable education, while creating supportive learning environments for underserved communities.

Thank you for considering my application to continue serving as Chair. I remain fully committed to the mission of this committee and look forward to another year of meaningful service and growth.