

2020 LearnServe Youth Advisory Board: Ambassadors Sub-Committee Role Description

Intended Start Date: September 2020

End Date: May 2020

LearnServe International:

LearnServe International equips middle and high school students from diverse backgrounds with the entrepreneurial vision, tenacity, confidence and leadership skills needed to tackle social issues at home and abroad.

Program Description:

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) serves to engage LearnServe students and alumni across programs to act as a new branch of LearnServe leadership—functioning as the official student liaison and voice for all LearnServe program and development strategy. There will be 5 official sub-committees (Marketing & Communications, Events, Recruitment, Ambassadors, & Alumni Engagement), plus the Student Action Summit team, and they will meet monthly.

Ambassadors Sub-Committee Member Role Overview:

We are looking for proactive, dedicated, and team-oriented students who want to engage more with the behind-the-scenes of LearnServe's strategy and development. All YAB members will provide their honest feedback on potential strategic decisions, new curriculum, outreach efforts, etc., within the organization.

The Ambassadors Sub-committee heads will serve as mentors and advise current Fellows and Incubators students regarding the venture development process. Because Ambassadors must be present at Fellows and Incubator meetings, the time commitment for this position is higher than other YAB positions. Ambassadors Sub-committee members will also have professional development opportunities to improve their communications, public speaking, and presentation skills.

Projects:

- Assist Fellows and Incubator cohort leaders in presenting material and guiding lessons
- Provide feedback from a student perspective on curriculum and presentation methods

Note: As these projects are student led, members may choose to add to or modify existing project plans

Desired Skills:

- LearnServe Fellows or Incubator Alum
- Leadership and organization skills
- Working well with others



- Communications and Networking skills

Expectations:

- **Hours** - around 10 hours/month
 - Attend 30-minute LearnServe curriculum call
 - Fellows Ambassadors:
 - Attend weekly Fellows meetings, 4 per month
 - Thursdays, 4:30 to 6:30pm
 - Incubator Ambassadors:
 - Attend 2 hour incubator meetings, 2 per month
 - Mondays, 4:30 to 6:30pm
- Attend monthly YAB meetings (Wednesdays, 2 hrs)
- **Format** - Virtual (may transition to in person if and when public health safety measures allow)

Professional Development:

- Learn about behind-the-scenes aspects of a not-for-profit organization via presentations from staff about partnerships, development, outreach, funding, etc.
- Coaching on how to facilitate and lead the LearnServe Method of Social Entrepreneurship
- Learn how to lead a group of students in developing their own social ventures for the LearnServe Hackathon
- Network with and receive mentorship from Ambassadors and staff

Assessment:

The Youth Advisory Board will hold a group mid-year reflection as well as an end of year progress evaluation. This will be a space for members to reflect on progress made, assess workplace efficiency, and revise plans for the rest of the year. Sub-committee heads can raise concerns or questions on their individual projects as well as group dynamics or working relationships, and brainstorm steps to improvement.

End of Year Showcase:

At the end of the Youth Advisory Board program year, the Ambassadors Sub-committee will present their accomplishments and learnings to the rest of the YAB and the LearnServe Team. This presentation can be in any format that the students choose.

Terms

Service hours available, depending on school

To Apply

Fill out the application on the website and indicate the desired Sub-committee role by the deadline

Questions? Reach out to LearnServe Programs Manager, Florence Rivkin (florence@learn-serve.org)