**Application Information and Instructions**

**The LiveFree! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Pinellas County is now accepting applications for our 2016 Youth Leadership Academy.**

**The LiveFree! Youth Leadership Academy (LYLA) is a 6 month leadership and training program designed to foster growth, leadership, and camaraderie. We strive:**

***To promote and encourage advocacy, community engagement, and professionalism by identifying and helping in the development of present and future leaders. The Academy will focus on issues surrounding underage drinking and youth substance abuse in Pinellas County.***

**The deadline for application submission is Friday, January 8, 2016, at 6 p.m. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, January 26 and Wednesday, January, 27, 2016.**

**Ten youth between the ages of 16-20 will be selected for the Academy and each participant is eligible to receive a monthly stipend. In an effort to achieve diversity among the participants, qualified individuals will be sought from different backgrounds.**

**All applicants must attend the LYLA Open House on Friday, January 8, 2016. Please feel free to stop in our office anytime between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

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**LiveFree! Youth Leadership Academy Application**

**The LiveFree! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of welcomes youth between the ages of 16-20 to apply for our 2016 Youth Leadership Academy. Participants in the leadership academy will work on various projects addressing the issue of underage drinking and youth substance abuse in our community.**

**All applicants will be evaluated based on their application (GPA, school activities, and community involvement, essay questions, letters of recommendations, interview) to determine which candidates will be offered an opportunity to participate in the youth leadership academy. No one element will be the sole basis of evaluation, and youth should approach the application process seriously and thoughtfully.**

**Youth Candidate Information**

Date:

Name:

Address:

City State Zip

Telephone Number: Fax Number:

Cellular Number: E-mail:

Name of School, if applicable (high school, college, technical, etc):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently working? If so, where?: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth/Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach separate pages to include the following information, if necessary:**

**School Activities (current or previous):**

**Community Involvement Activities (current or previous):**

**Work Experience (current or any job and leadership training programs):**

 **Please complete ALL of the following essay questions:**

1. **How can you contribute to the mission, vision, purpose, and core values of the LiveFree! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition?**
2. **What are the top THREE alcohol related problems in your community or school? What ideas do you have to address the issues?**
3. **What are your expectations of yourself as a leader, peer, and team member?**
4. **How do you see the leadership academy benefitting your future or educational goals?**

**Completed applications can be submitted via**

**standard mail, email, fax, or in person to the LiveFree! Youth Leadership Academy:**

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