

**(CADCA) Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America 2022 National Leadership
Forum – Youth Application**

The Salt Lake County Health Department provides this opportunity for youth to attend CADCA in order to foster youth connectedness while developing rising young leaders, while teaching them how to advocate for causes that are important to them and empowering them to use their voice in local and national spaces.

The Salt Lake County Health Department invites middle and high school youth in Salt Lake County, ages 14-18, to join us for the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's 2022 National Leadership Forum in National Harbor, Maryland. Please read through the application entirely to determine if this opportunity is a good fit for you. This will be a competitive process, as only 10 youth will be chosen for this opportunity.

Youth who are selected to join us for the CADCA trip will be expected to be prepared to speak with local and national legislators, behave appropriately in all settings, manage their own funds, and travel without the supervision of their parents. Chaperones will be provided by the Salt Lake County Health Department.

The application process consists of two phases: phase one is the completion and submission of this application; phase two includes an interview of finalists. Youth will be selected based on the combination of their application and interview. Late applications will not be considered. **Applications are due no later than 11:59 PM MST on September 10th, 2021.**

What is the CADCA National Leadership Forum?

The Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America National Leadership Forum is a conference that brings community coalitions together to strengthen community capacity and help youth gain the skills and training necessary to help them help make their community safe, healthy, and drug free. Youth who attend will get to participate in conference workshops and learn from other youth across the country about strategies other communities are using to address various health and substance use related issues. Attending youth will return to Salt Lake County with the knowledge and skills to implement change and educate others in their communities. This is a valuable opportunity for youth to gather skills, experiences, and connections.

Website for more information: <https://www.cadca.org/events>

Trip Dates: Sunday, January 30, 2022 – Friday, February 4, 2022

Conference Dates: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – Thursday, February 3, 2022

Pre-Conference Legislative Warm-Up Date: TBD*

****This date will be held sometime in January during the 2022 Utah legislative session.***

Questions? Please contact Julia Glade: jglade@slco.org or Annie Omer: anomer@slco.org

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All expenses including *hotel, registration, flight, and food will be covered by the Salt Lake County Health Department.

****Participants will share a room as appropriate.***

Location: The National Leadership Forum is located at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

Hotel information: <https://www.nationalharbor.com/gaylord-national/>

By being selected to attend this conference, youth will be expected to:

- Attend all preparation meetings prior to the conference
- Attend and participate in the conference
- Visit with local and national legislators
- Complete 2 projects (see below) by **July 1st, 2022**.
- Make good choices for their personal and group safety

By attending this conference, you agree to complete two projects, one of which needs to be tobacco focused (*other suggested project ideas may be considered*).

Examples of approved projects include but are not limited to:

- Update city ordinances to include bans on tobacco products.
- Advocate for tobacco free campuses, tobacco control legislation, or other tobacco free policies.
- Help plan or present at a Health Department sponsored event, such as the Kick Ash Film Festival or the Teen Health Summit.
- Participate actively on the Teen Advisory Board or another youth or city coalition (must be new to you).
- Present at the Board of Health's annual dinner.
- Advocate for policy changes in your school, community, state, or country.
- Provide input on Health Department programs and help with youth outreach.
- Assist with a Health Department marketing campaign to youth in Salt Lake County.

Applications to attend this conference are **due by 11:59 PM MST on Friday, September 10, 2021. Any applications submitted after Friday, September 10 will be ineligible and will not be considered.**

Applicants will be notified of final decisions by Monday, October 11, 2021.

Please email applications to Julia Glade: jglade@slco.org and Annie Omer: anomer@slco.org. You may also mail your application to the South Redwood Public Health Center at 7971 S 1825 W, West Jordan, UT 84088.

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First Name _____ Last Name _____

Age _____

Date of Birth _____

School _____

How do You Identify Your Gender? _____

Zip Code _____

Do You Speak Another Language? _____

Youth Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name _____

Youth Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Do You Require any Accommodations? _____

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1. In 500 words or less, please explain why you want to attend this conference.

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2. The 3 pillars of this experience are Public Speaking, Community Service, and Advocacy.

a. In 250 words or less, please identify one of these 3 pillars that you are good at and describe why.

b. In 250 words or less, please identify one of these 3 pillars that you would like to learn more about or improve on and describe why.

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3. In 500 words or less, please describe how someone has been or might be an advocate for your community.

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4. In 500 words or less, please describe how youth can make a difference.

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5. In 500 words or less, please describe an issue in your community that you are concerned about.

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Application Signature Page

- By checking this box, you certify that you have discussed this with your parent/guardian and have received permission to go. Additionally, you agree to the commitment of completing two of the projects listed above which extends after the listed conference dates. Furthermore, by checking this box you certify that you agree to behave and follow instructions as given by the chaperones designated by the Salt Lake County Health Department. **Applications without a parent/guardian signature will not be considered for youth 17 and younger.*

Youth Full Name _____ Date _____

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parental/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Parental/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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COVID-19 DISCLAIMER

Disclaimer: Due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, applicants should note that requirements or restrictions from any travel and/or hosting agencies, or states being traveled to may apply to anyone traveling with the Salt Lake County Health Department to the 2022 CADCA Conference. Requirements or restrictions may include COVID-19 vaccines and/or testing, face masks, social distancing, and/or quarantines. Salt Lake County Health Department will continue to monitor all applicable agencies and states and will inform applicants and/or selected youth as new information becomes available. Selected youth are personally responsible for their individual COVID-19 safety, and Salt Lake County is not liable for any risks related to COVID-19 that may occur.

I have read and agree to this disclaimer on behalf of the youth applicant.

Name of Youth: _____ (please print)

Name of parent/guardian: _____ (please print)

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____