



Purpose: Rise Above Colorado, an expansion of the Colorado Meth Project, is recruiting for its statewide Teen Action Council to further the organization's mission of empowering young adults to lead lives free of drug abuse. The Teen Action Council represents the geographic and personal diversity of the state in order to support Rise Above Colorado in effectively reaching all youth with the information and skills to make healthy choices around drugs. The Teen Action Council is a key driver in Rise Above Colorado's mission and strategy and the organization depends on members' input, feedback, leadership, and inspiration throughout all efforts.

Time Commitment & Expectations: Members will be required to attend an orientation from the evening of June 22 through June 25 and 3-5 additional in-person meetings throughout the year. All meetings will be held in the Denver metro area and all travel expenses will be reimbursed. Monthly meetings through web and/or telephone conferencing will be required in months when an in-person meeting is not scheduled.

Each member will serve a minimum one-year term that will coincide with the 2016-2017 school year; and over the course of the year, each member is expected to lead an effort in his or her community to engage their peers in Rise Above. Members will be supported through regular contact with the Rise Above Colorado staff and their RAC TAC peers.

Training & Compensation: Teen Action Council members will be trained in informal and formal outreach and education strategies, including media literacy, leading lessons, and developing and promoting web-based media campaigns. The Teen Action Council has two primary tasks and workgroups for 2016-17:

Capture: RAC TAC launched a Snapchat story and is contributing to the YouTube channel to compliment RAC's larger social media campaign #IRiseAbove

Educate: RAC TAC is developing a website to be a one-stop shop for information about drugs and rising above drug abuse that is for teens, by

teens. This will include a forum for youth to ask questions of RAC and RAC TAC.

Most in-person meetings will comprise of a half-day training or meeting that builds council members' skills and a half-day of team building or fun event. Rise Above Colorado will provide a stipend (\$10/hour) for all training and work sessions and will pay for all food and entertainment during the meeting and team building activity. Rise Above Colorado will also sign for community service hours for any hours contributed beyond the in-person meetings and team building activities.

Application Process: Teens will be selected through an application and interview process. Enrolled students grades 8 through 11 are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by mail, fax or email no later than April 15th. Interviews will begin to be scheduled on May 8th. Attached is an application to be filled out in full. Guardian consent is required along with two letters of reference, approximately one page each. Teachers, coaches, school counselors, community and business leaders are all acceptable references. Only complete applications with two (2) letters of reference will be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact us at amy@riseaboveco.org or call 303-962-1147. Applications should be sent to amy@riseaboveco.org or via fax to 303-438-5613. All applications sent via mail *must be received by April 15th* and may be sent to:

**Rise Above Colorado
11880 Upham Street, Suite F
Broomfield, CO 80020**

**Rise Above Colorado
Teen Action Council**

Application – 2016-2017

Student Information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Age: _____

Check which group you're interested in (one or both): Educate ____ Capture ____

Name of your school: _____

Grade in 2015-2016: _____ Year of H.S. Graduation: _____

Signature _____

Guardian Information:

Name of Guardian(s): _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Home phone: _____

Work or Cell: _____

Guardian's Email(s): _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Please answer each of the following questions. Know that your answers will be kept confidential among Rise Above Colorado staff. Current Teen Action Council members will be on the application review and interview committee and also commit to keeping your responses confidential. There is no word count requirement; however, the goal is for us to gain an understanding of you, your passions, your interests and talents.

1. Why does the Rise Above Colorado mission of empowering teens to live a life free from drug abuse matter to you? Please explain what it means to you.

2. Teen Action Council members are responsible for leading a “Rise Above” community project of their own. What needs and interests do you see in your school or community and how could you help improve them through a “Rise Above” community project? What ideas, if any, do you have for projects to address your school or community’s needs? (This can include educational presentations, community outreach or social media.)

3. What school and/or community activities do you currently participate in? Please list and provide a brief explanation of each.

4. How might any of the activities you listed above make you a good candidate for Rise Above Colorado's Teen Action Council? Please also include any additional strengths you have that would make you a great councilmember.

5. How did you hear about Rise Above Colorado's Teen Action Council?

6. What qualities do you have to contribute to Rise Above?

7. Is there anything else you would like to share with us to support your application?