**CU BOULDER YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER**

**PARK HILL COLLECTIVE IMPACT (PHCI)**

**STEPS TO SUCCESS MONTBELLO (STS)**

**Student Youth Ambassador Leadership Application**

**Student Youth Ambassador Leadership Program** is a program of Leadership from both the Montbello and Parkhill Communities. It is offered to a diverse group of high school students who have leadership potential. The program will help to develop basic skills in leadership, neighborhood attachment, school engagement, problem-solving and communication.

Ambassadors will be chosen by a committee and Youth Leaders.

This program is being created in order to support Denver’s overall response to the violence by and against youth. Multiple organizations including Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs and neighborhood schools are supporting this work. Any youth between the ages of 14 to 18 are encouraged to apply.

**Duties and Expectations Student/Youth Ambassadors**

Attend at least 3 Outreach/Community Events

Attend 2 Community Board meetings

Participate in at least one year long school-based club

Work two hours a week

Report to Youth Leaders and STS PHS staff

Support Social Media efforts for the youth

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Able to call, email or text for communication

Training on grant funding

Earn a badge (work with school to allow event recap/highlights be taken)

Meet City Officials and Influencers

Be a voice for students/youth

Act as a peer mentor for middle school

Please complete application and direct questions to: Analise.harris@colorado.edu or completed online

To qualify for the Youth Leadership Team you must be:

* Students must be 14-18 years old.
* Students must be currently enrolled in high school and maintain 2.0 or higher
* Students must be committed to leadership training and programming for a year.
* Students must be committed to attend program, events, meetings, work, mentoring, and volunteering activities.
* Students must abide by the rules and regulations of the workplace and the STS PHCI/PHS policies.
* Students should be excited to make a difference in his/her community and come prepared with ideas and enthusiasm.

**Student/Youth Ambassador Information**

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In what ways are you connected to the community or your neighborhood?**

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**Describe what you feel is the most common violence experienced in your community and an idea to address the issue.**

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**I hereby certify that all information in this application is true and correct. I agree to attend the training, meetings, and work to advance the goals of the Public Safety Youth Leadership Team.**

Signature of Applicant Date

If you are under the age of 18, please have a parent or guardian sign below.

I hereby give permission for the above names applicant to participate in the Public Safety Youth Leadership Team.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

**LETTER OF REFERENCE**

**YVPC- DENVER STUDENT/YOUTH AMBASSADOR REFERENCE FORM**

**DEADLINE –**

**This Reference Form is to be submitted by an individual who can attest to your abilities**

 **RECOMMENDATION FOR**      **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**TO THE APPLICANT:** Please type/print in the space above and give this form to this person completing your reference.

**TO THE REFERENT:** The applicant above will be considered for a 12-week Youth Leadership opportunity if selected. This program is designed to provide emerging leaders an opportunity to develop a hope, pride and engagement of youth violence prevention programming to two communities (Montbello and Parkhill). The program will include mentoring, youth development, hands on opportunities and community experiences designed to increase knowledge, enhance skills and experience around community engagement and youth violence prevention.

As we are seeking the most outstanding youth from the far northeast communities, it is important for each applicant’s referral to provide the YVPC -Denver selection committee with an assessment of the youth using the form below. Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond in the most direct and forthcoming manner possible.

**How long have you known the above applicant and what has been your relationship?**

**Please assess the applicant using these criteria: 5-*Excellent; 4*-*Good; 3*-*Satisfactory; 2*-*Poor; 1*-*Not Acceptable.***

*\_\_\_* A) LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY: The degree to which the applicant is recognized and respected by peers, teachers and community. Includes personal integrity, character and reputation in both personal and school contacts.

\_\_\_ B) NETWORKING/TEAMWORK EFFECTIVENESS: Demonstrated success as a leader working with others to get things done.

\_\_\_ C) ANALYTICAL / PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS: Mental ability to understand complex issues. Includes depth of insight and desire to seek solutions of issues facing far northeast communities.

\_\_\_ D) COMMUNICATION SKILLS: Includes writing, speaking, listening, and willingness to interact with individuals and groups.

\_\_\_ E) POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH: Open to broadening experiences and contacts, especially with those of different cultures or viewpoints.

\_\_\_ F) DEPENDABILITY/CONSISTENCY: Commitment to following through on tasks undertaken.

\_\_\_ G) ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT LEADERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS: Extent to which currently involved and successful in leadership activities.

**CODE OF CONDUCT---DRAFT**

As a member of the Student/Youth Ambassador Program it is important that you model our message. This code of conduct outlines the expected behavior for all involved. Your wellbeing and safety is of the utmost importance. To ensure the enjoyment and safety of everyone, please read and abide by the code of conduct.

**Respect**

I agree to respect my environment, others, and myself.

I will refrain from any activity that would put the group or me in danger either physically, mentally, or emotionally.

**Participation**

I agree to participate and attend all scheduled activities. I will support the group by being on time and prepared.

**Responsibility**

I agree it is my responsibility to make the necessary time to prepare for all events. I will complete all required forms and return them on time. I will read all information sent to me.

**Behavior**

I understand that as a member of the Public Safety Youth Leadership Team I must model the mission and message of the agency and the City & County of Denver. I will not bring or use at anytime during Youth Leadership activities, tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. I also understand that I will also act appropriate during the meeting and scheduled events.

Signature of Applicant Date

**YVPC-Denver Student/Youth Ambassador**

 **Code of Responsibility---(Same as Youth Leadership)**

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the YVPC- Denver STUDENT/Youth Ambassador program through Steps to Success Montbello/ or Park Hill Strong is to prepare youth to make a positive difference. Participants are selected because of their proven leadership qualities. The actions of program participants reflect on Leadership of the University of Colorado Boulder and affect the results the program is intended to achieve.

Participation in the YVPC- Denver STUDENT/Youth Ambassador program carries the responsibility of leadership. Participants are expected to observe the highest standards of behavior and to set an example for others to follow.

This Code of Responsibility is intended to describe minimum acceptable standards and the consequences of failure to meet these standards. Those who fail to observe these standards can be held accountable for their actions.

**Applicability**

This Code is applicable to all participants in the YVPC- Denver STUDENT/Youth Ambassador program including youth leader, ambassadors, media team, adult facilitators and staff. This Code is always applicable.

YVPC- Denver STUDENT/Youth Ambassador program through Steps to Success Montbello/ or Park Hill Strong seeks to encourage personal growth and development of the skills and behavior required of good leaders.

By participating in YVPC- Denver STUDENT/Youth Ambassador program through Steps to Success Montbello/ or Park Hill Strong, all participants acknowledge that their actions are subject to this code.

**Policy on Attendance**

YVPC- Denver STUDENT/Youth Ambassador program is an integrated series of experiences designed to be completed with a consistent group of youth. Attendance and participation at all scheduled events is necessary to obtain the full benefits of the program.

**Discipline**

 Appropriate behavior is expected of all participants.

I,      , (Participant) certify that I have read and understand the Policies of YVPC- Denver STUDENT/Youth Ambassador program in the Code of Responsibility and that I will abide by these Policies.

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Signature of Participant Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date Date