

WHARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Information, Policies, and Requirements

Object Statement: The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) exists to give young adults the opportunity for their voices to be heard. They will provide suggestions and feedback regarding YA activities, YA collection development, and other library issues pertinent to young adults. They may also organize activities and fundraisers, and undertake volunteer projects.

TAB Policies:

- The TAB is open to Wharton Public Library cardholders in grades 6-12.
- Members' cards must be in good standing (Unexpired, with no fines or fees over \$5.00)
- The TAB will meet once each month.
- The TAB cannot exceed 20 members.
- Prospective members must turn in a complete TAB Application, Parental Permission and Release of Liability Form, and Photo Release Form.
- Membership in the TAB will not be restricted by race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, size, or economic status.
- **Members must be reachable by phone or email.**

TAB Bylaws:

- Everyone is equal.
- A quorum must be present for votes to be held. The quorum will be determined based on the total number of board members.
- A simple majority passes a vote.
- If a member abstains from voting, that member is agreeing to go along with what the majority decides.
- It is the responsibility of every member of the TAB to behave ethically during the meetings.
- Members who have been given the floor should be treated with respect and not interrupted.
- All TAB members will respect the rights and privacy of others.
- TAB members will not use library space or materials inappropriately.
- TAB members will turn all electronic devices off during meetings.
- Motions may be debated until a consensus is reached or until a 2/3rds majority vote ends debate.
- Once a motion is voted on, it cannot be brought up for vote again in the same meeting.

Requirements of TAB members:

- Attend at least six meetings a year.
- Help at or run at 3 three events a year.
- Raise awareness of library services and activities among their peers.

Benefits of being a TAB member:

- Direct input in library activities.
- Volunteer hours for service groups/applications.
- Ability to use library staff as a reference for job, scholarship, or college applications.

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Application for Membership

Name: _____ Grade/School: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Library Card Number: _____

Would you prefer to be contacted by email or phone? Email Phone

How often do you use the library?

- Several times a week
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Never

Checking 'Never' will **NOT exclude you from TAB membership. If you never use the library, we would value your input on how the library could become more relevant and useful to you and your peers.*

Have you attended any library events recently?

- Yes
- No

Checking 'No' will **NOT exclude you from TAB membership.*

Why do you want to be a member of the TAB?

I hereby agree to the Policies, Bylaws, and Requirements of the Teen Advisory Board, and I acknowledge that I understand and meet all qualifications necessary for membership.

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/___