

# Make-A-Wish® Greater Bay Area Youth Board Fact Sheet

## What is the Youth Board?

The youth board is a philanthropy and leadership program for students. As ambassadors for Make-A-Wish, youth board members support Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area through numerous fundraising and advocacy efforts to help fulfill our mission—to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

## Who can join the Youth Board?

The youth board is open to those who meet the following requirements:

- Are students aged 13-18
- Have submitted a completed application
- Are committed to regularly attending meetings throughout the school year

## What are Youth Board member responsibilities?

The term of commitment for each youth board member is from August 2017-June 2018 with the opportunity for renewal after one term of service. During that time, youth board members are committed to:

- Participate actively in youth board meetings
- Fundraise for Make-A-Wish—the method & amount raised is unique to each member
- Read monthly newsletters and chapter updates in order to be current on chapter news
- Be a Make-A-Wish advocate by spreading awareness in their school and community
- Respond promptly to email and phone communication with Make-A-Wish staff liaison

## Each Youth Board member is encouraged to:

- Fundraise for or volunteer at special events during the year
- Participate in community presentations
- Persuade their friends, classmates and family to support Make-A-Wish

## What are the benefits of the Youth Board?

- Experience being part of making wishes come true
- Opportunity to learn from a network of community leaders about the inner workings of a successful nonprofit
- Team building and leadership training with peers with emphasis on creative, effective fundraising and advocacy tools
- Mentorship opportunities with staff and board members to learn more about educational and career paths
- Ability to fulfill school community service hours (if approved by individual school)

## Questions?

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Visit [www.SFWish.org](http://www.SFWish.org) to learn more about Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area.



## Examples of what we do:



Collect letters for Santa



Organize fundraising events



Join in the Walk for Wishes



Speak at events