



1. WHAT IS THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL?

The Youth Action Council (YAC) consists of a group of teens aged 13 to 18 who serve as the voice and opinions of teens within the community. This program helps develop the skills necessary for teens to:

- Build leadership skills and take responsibility in a variety of areas.
- Promote mutual respect, understanding, and communication with teens of all cultures and backgrounds.
- Organize community special events.
- Build confidence and recognition that they are valued, active members who serve the community.
- Identify issues and concerns important to teens.
- Participate in a variety of events organized by the Recreation Department and other community organizations.
- Participate and learn through a variety of leadership workshops that will well equip them to become better leaders.

2. YAC REQUIREMENTS

- To apply for YAC, you must be a student enrolled in Morgan Hill Unified School District or attend a private/charter school in Morgan Hill. Additionally, you need to be a resident of the City of Morgan Hill. 70% of the available spots are reserved for Morgan Hill students and residents, while the remaining 30% can be applied for by residents of San Martin and students who reside in Morgan Hill but attend schools outside of the city limits.
- Must be 13 years old by July 1st and not older than 18.
- A minimum of six hours per month is required, including mandatory monthly meetings, subcommittee meetings, workshops, and community events.

- Be available during the week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30 – 6:30 pm, from September to May and half of June (YLMH Subcommittee).
- Occasionally, YAC requires parents/legal guardians' participation in YAC related activities within and outside the city limits.

3. **HOW TO APPLY FOR YAC**

- Students interested in becoming a YAC Member must attend the required prerequisite Youth Leadership Morgan Hill (YLMH) Program held annually in the summer. Check our [YAC website](#) for more information.
- YAC Applications will be distributed to YLMH students on the first day of the program. In addition, an Orientation will be held for parents and YLMH participants on the evening of the second day.
- To register in the YLMH visit: <https://mhparksandrec.com/CA/morgan-hill-ca/catalog>

4. **YAC FRAMEWORK – MORGAN HILL VALUES YOUTH**

YAC's foundation is based on the 41 Developmental Assets. Developmental Assets are the positive values, relationships, skills and experiences that help children and teens thrive.

Young people with high asset levels are most likely to make healthy choices, while those with lower asset levels are more likely to get involved with negative or risky behaviors.

Asset #7

Community Values Youth

Young person perceives that adult in the community value youth.

To learn more about the Developmental Assets, visit the Project Cornerstone website:

<http://www.projectcornerstone.org>

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