

Missouri State Youth Advisory Board Code of Conduct

Missouri State Youth Advisory Board (SYAB) members are “high profile” representatives of Missouri’s SYAB program. Everything they do during their term(s) reflects on SYAB. Because the name and reputation of SYAB is so valuable, the youth of the SYAB have created the Code of Conduct, below, that SYAB members commit to during their term(s). This Code of Conduct reflects the standards, guidelines and expectations of SYAB members.

AS AN SYAB MEMBER, I WILL:

1. Obey the laws of my community, state and country, and I will accept responsibility for knowing them.
2. If you are of age to smoke, do so only where smoking is designated. Tobacco products should not be exchanged between youth who are not of legal age. Lighters should only be used for the purpose of lighting cigarettes. NO use of alcohol or any illegal substances at meetings, conferences, etc. or being around individuals using alcohol or illegal substances at these events.
3. Attend all SYAB meetings and all SYAB events that I have volunteered for, unless otherwise excused in advance by an Adult Advisor of the SYAB.
4. Be trustworthy and reliable in carrying out responsibilities I’ve accepted.
5. Take responsibility for my choices and accept the consequences of my actions. I know that I can be dismissed from the board if I do not.
6. Work cooperatively with the youth, adult staff and volunteers of SYAB and help others have a pleasant experience by respecting their opinions and making every attempt to include all participants in activities.
7. Respect all persons, facilities and vehicles. I will be responsible for any damage caused resulting from my behavior.
8. I understand that I am not to use any incidentals that may be provided in the hotel rooms that may have an extra cost associated to them such as long distance phone calls, soda, and snacks. If this rule is violated I will be responsible for any charges incurred in my hotel room from using these items.
9. Look out for the safety and well-being of others, and will act quickly to report anything which threatens it.
10. Accept that I am a role model, and use etiquette expected of a Missouri State Youth Advisory Board Member, including:
 - a. Abstaining from any public display of affection that is not appropriate for the places I am in and staying out of opposite sex rooms.
 - b. Dressing respectfully, and in a way that’s appropriate for the task at hand. Shirts and pants should adequately cover body parts in which undergarments are typically used to cover.
 - c. Using electronics appropriately during meeting and free time. I will not share my electronic devices with other youth unless given permission by the youth’s chaperone.
 - d. Keeping my language appropriate to the environment I’m in, and avoiding profanity. Weapons, or any object that could be considered a weapon, should not be brought on person or other belongings.
11. Using my best judgment, because I also understand that not all things that are inappropriate are written in this code of conduct.

I do understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the Code of Conduct. Unless outlined differently in the SYAB Policy and Procedures Handbook, I understand that the following procedures will be taken if I do not uphold the Code of Conduct:

1. **First Offense:** You will receive a warning from the SYAB officers.
2. **Second Offense:** You will have a conference with Sally and your Chafee Provider.
3. **Third Offense:** You will be removed from the board. Thank you for the time you served.

If damages or charges are incurred as a result of behavior, I will be assessed the cost of damages and repairs and/or charges for the destruction or misuse of property.

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Youth: _____