

ACAN Youth Project Guidelines (v1.0)

Background:

ACAN's mission is to "Serving Our Community and Fostering Our Heritage". To achieve that mission, ACAN Youth Committee encourages all youth to submit project proposals. ACAN Youth Committee will allocate resources (budget, mentoring, marketing, etc.) to encourage and support youth to do what they want to do, and in the process, transform our community and youth themselves to become the next generation of leaders.

Submission:

Youth writes a project proposal by using the template on ACAN website:

<https://austinchineseamericannetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ACAN-Youth-Project-Proposal.docx>

Send the proposal to youth@acantx.org

Approval:

Youth committee chair will review the proposal and email youth whether the project is approved, or requires any revision.

Criteria of approval include:

- Will this project help advance ACAN's mission?
- Will this project help develop youth's leadership?
- Is it creative and feasible?

Next Steps:

After youth receives approval, it is ACTION time! Please use the following guidelines to develop an action plan

- Assemble a core team of 3-5 people and develop a project plan
- Review the project plan with the project mentor
- Develop the social media channel
 - Project mentor can establish a wechat group for parents using this format "华盟____俱乐部、项目", 比如 华盟 摄影俱乐部、华盟 艺术俱乐部等
 - Youth can join the ACAN Discord Server and establish their own channel to communicate with other youth <https://discord.gg/9VTSe7q>

- Project team to develop a poster with the QR code to invite parents to join the WeChat group and youth to join the Discord channel
- ACAN will help promote your project through ACAN marketing channels
- Start to execute your plan!
- Record your service hours and ask the project mentor to sign off; If the project mentor is your own parents, ask youth@acantx.org to sign off

Award

Qualified individuals and teams may apply for the annual ACAN Star award:

<https://austinchineseamericannetwork.org/acan-star-program/>

Individuals can apply for the President's Volunteer Service Award:

<https://austinchineseamericannetwork.org/presidents-volunteer-service-award-pvsa/>

Individuals can also use the project as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award program managed by the YouStrong Coalition <https://www.youstrong.org/award/>