

SAVE Awards 2010

Youth Peacemakers Training Program



Guidelines & Application

Creating Youth Peacemakers through the arts, violence prevention training and advocacy



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What's This About?

The SAVE Awards Youth Peacemakers Training Program is an annual program that engages youth in learning how to become peacemakers in their schools and communities. Each year youth in **grades 3rd through 12th** from Columbus and surrounding areas participate in the program.

Each youth group incorporates the program training into a violence prevention presentation that must contain a **clear, concise** message about what youth can do to **prevent** violence. These presentations are revealed at the program's finale celebration...**The SAVE Awards Premiere**.



Why Should We Do This?

- ✓ There is **NO** cost to apply to the program!
- ✓ Be **HONORED** at central Ohio's most spectacular youth violence prevention celebration!
- ✓ Make a **STAND** against violence in front of a **LIVE** audience of 700+ people!



How Does it Work?



Step 1. The SAVE Awards Youth Peacemakers Training Program begins with the Guidelines & Application process. SAVE recruits youth groups throughout central Ohio to become SAVE Youth Peacemakers.

Youth Peacemakers Violence Prevention Training

Step 2. The next step in the making of a Youth Peacemaker is the Violence Prevention Training in December. Youth take part in violence prevention training workshops to develop skills and awareness to stop violence and advocate peace. Youth begin to develop a violence prevention presentation using a particular art form (i.e. dance, drama, music, video, written work, mural design).

Peace Camp & March

Step 3. In February, youth participate in the annual Peace Camp & March and present their performance work before a selection committee that decides which groups will perform at the annual SAVE Awards Premiere in April. All youth groups who appear at the Peace Camp take part in a Peace March, advocating peace throughout the community.

SAVE Awards Premiere

Step 4. Youth are escorted by limousine to the red carpet finale...The SAVE Awards Premiere! This is the final step to becoming a Youth Peacemaker. The SAVE Awards Premiere is a performance showcase where violence prevention training and the arts come together. Becoming a Youth Peacemaker and receiving a SAVE Award for Non-Violence is an honor the youth of central Ohio will always cherish and remember.



GENERAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Group applicants grades 3 through 12 must be affiliated with a school, youth serving or faith based organization.
- Each group who completes an application must have a minimum of **two (2) adult advisors**.
- Limits are set to the maximum number of performance members permitted on stage. However, there are no limits set to the number of group members able to participate in the program.
- Advisors must read thoroughly and complete all necessary documents and measures by the posted due dates.
- There is a required minimum of 5 members per group during the program to remain enrolled.

BASIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- All advisors must attend an evening meeting on **Thursday, November 12, 2009**. Questions will be answered and materials needed to ensure your success will be distributed at that time.
- All groups will need to attend the Youth Peacemakers Training Day on **Saturday, December 5, 2009**. Advisors are required to attend and participate with their groups during the violence prevention training. Absence from the training will result in withdrawal from the program.
- Advisors must schedule 2-3 on-site technical assistance training visits with the SAVE Awards Program Coordinator. Groups are informed that revisions and refinements of their presentations will be ongoing throughout the training.
- Prepare and participate in the Peace Camp and March, **Saturday, February 20, 2010**. All youth groups will present their work before a selection committee at the Peace Camp to qualify for the SAVE Awards. Absence from this event will result in withdrawal from the program.
- If selected, advisors and group performers must attend a final afternoon dress rehearsal between **12n-3p** at the performance site on **Thursday, April 29, 2010**.
- Youth groups and advisors must attend the SAVE Youth Reception and the SAVE Awards Premiere in required attire on **Thursday, April 29, 2010**. All Youth who complete the Peacemakers Training Program are provided a limousine ride from the Youth Reception and a red carpet welcome to the SAVE Awards Premiere.

PERFORMANCE GROUP REQUIREMENTS

The SAVE Awards Youth Peacemakers Training Program is designed to empower youth and promote a violence free message. This is not a competition. Each presentation should communicate a distinct message about preventing violence. Just showing the cause of violence is not enough. The presentation should communicate to the audience why violence should not be the choice amongst young people in resolving conflicts. The audience needs to be made aware of the crucial role they play in preventing violence.

Presentations (not including video or mural) should be a one act performance within a stage area 20' deep 40' wide. Set and props should be minimal. SAVE reserves the right to alter or restrict the number of group performance members, performance times and subject material at any time. All presentation pieces, products and materials created in the context of the SAVE Awards program are the sole property of SAVE.

YOUTH PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Presentation types cannot be combined and must fit the description of one of the below styles:

MUSIC

Band, instrumental, vocalist and vocal groups. Description of performance, music and lyrics must be submitted by January 15, 2010. Max. 7 minutes.

- Stage Band** - 6 instrumental piece maximum, 10 member maximum per performance group.
- Marching Band** - 30 member maximum. Carry on instruments only.
- Vocal Choir** - 30 member maximum, One instrumental accompaniment only.

DANCE, RHYTHMIC, INTERPRETIVE MOVEMENT

Includes cheerleading, dance, drill, step teams, etc.

Description of performance and music lyrics must be submitted by January 15, 2010. 15 member maximum. Max - 7 minutes

WRITTEN WORK

Includes poetry, short story, or essay. Written draft of piece must be submitted by January 15, 2010. Maximum 2 members with speaking parts and 10 members on stage as part of the scene. Max - 4 minutes

DRAMA

Includes a live one act/one scene performance. All script drafts must be submitted by January 15, 2010. Maximum 12 members on stage at once. Max - 7 minutes

VIDEO

Includes a video taped performance using a dramatic, documentary, or story format. SAVE will professionally videotape and produce a maximum of 2 videos. All video script drafts must be submitted by January 15, 2010. Maximum 15 members perform in the video. Max - 7 minutes

PEACE MURAL DESIGN

Includes creating a design panel for display at the SAVE Awards Premiere. First draft designs are due to the coordinator by January 15, 2010 on a vertical 11" x 17" sheet of paper. The draft will be submitted for review at the February 20, 2010 Peace Camp. If selected, a 24" x 48" canvas will be supplied by SAVE for the final design which must be completed and brought to the SAVE office by April 22, 2010.

ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

- Advisors are expected to assist their groups in developing a quality performance and to coach their youth so they are polished and comfortable in front of a large audience.
- Advisors are responsible for coordinating all rehearsals and transportation needs of their youth group.
- Advisors are responsible for communicating the program requirements to parents and guardians of participants.
- Advisors are responsible for completion and submission of all required program documentation.

Questions?

Phone: (614) 228-5400 x 703, Email: Info@SAVEforYouth.org

APPLY TODAY

The SAVE Awards application must be received no later than October 30, 2009. DON'T WAIT! Group space is limited and spaces fill up quickly. ONLINE: www.SAVEforYouth.org, Fax: (614) 228-5400, MAIL: SAVE, Attn: SAVE Awards Coordinator, 92 Jefferson Ave, Cols, OH 43215

SAVE reserves the right to make updates, additions, and deletions to the program and its guidelines to provide a quality program. More precise information will be provided and expectations explained at the Advisor's Meeting as well as along the process of the program.