



TEEN COUNCIL FACT SHEET

Purpose of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois (RMHCCI) provides a supportive home away from home for families who travel to Springfield, Illinois in order for their child to receive medical care. We provide them with a place to sleep, eat, take a shower, do their laundry and more - all while staying close to their child and at no cost to them.

Purpose of the Teen Council

The purpose of the Teen Council is to encourage high school students to become more active in community service and to create awareness and encourage support of Ronald McDonald House Charities in the student's school and community. The Teen Council will also provide multiple learning opportunities, leadership building, networking and more.

Teen Council Description

The Teen Council consists of area public and private high school students from Sangamon County who raise awareness and advocate for the mission of RMHCCI.

If chosen to participate in the 2017-2018 Teen Council, students will be required to attend an orientation on **Sunday, September 24**. There will be six meetings throughout the school year, and perhaps more scheduled as needed. Members will be **required to attend four of the six meetings**, including the orientation.

The orientation will include more information regarding what the year will entail for the Teen Council, including in-school fundraisers and the Teen Council fundraiser. The Teen Council will also plan in-House activities and other projects for the families that stay with us. The meetings will focus on awareness of RMHCCI, planning, community service, team building, networking and more.

Location of Meetings

Meetings will be held at the Ronald McDonald House, 610 N. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702 on scheduled Sunday afternoons/evenings. The first meeting will be Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Program Commitments

- A one-year commitment with the possibility of continued service throughout high school years
- Active attendance and participation in meetings, activities and fundraisers
- A \$20 membership fee (t-shirt included, cost of snacks, etc.)
- Provide support and implementation of fundraisers and programs



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Teen Council Application 2017-2018

Name Cell Phone

Address

City State Zip Date of Birth

E-mail Address Shirt Size

High School Grade Entering in August 2017

Short Answer Questions

(Please feel free to type answers and attach on a separate sheet)

Clubs or activities that you currently participate in:

Do you have previous leadership experiences? If so, what are they and how do you plan on implementing them with the Teen Council?

Do you have any preliminary ideas that you can bring to the Teen Council this year (fundraising, activities, etc.)?

What attracted you to becoming involved with the Teen Council, and why do you want to be a part of it? What do you hope to gain?

Would you be interested in any leadership positions within the Teen Council?

Reference and Recommendation Form

Please provide at least one (1) reference with your application. The recommendation form is attached. References must be 21 years of age or older and be non-family members. You may submit more than one recommendation form.

Responsibilities of Teen Council Members

- Attend four of the six meetings throughout the school year
- Actively participate in meetings and arrive on time
- Stay up-to-date on all Teen Council e-mails
- Participate in Ronald McDonald House activities and cook a meal for families
- Help plan and attend a Teen Council fundraiser for RMHCCI
- Be respectful and work together with your fellow council members



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Teen Council Commitment:

I have read and understand the RMHCCI Teen Council rules and requirements and agree to abide by them upon my acceptance into the Teen Council. I am committed to serving for at least one year on the Teen Council and attending at least four meetings. I will do my best to advocate independently and as a group for RMHCCI.

Prospective Member Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return your completed application packet by September 8, 2017 to:

Allaina Blackwell, Development & Communications Coordinator

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois

610 N. 7th Street

Springfield, IL 62702

or

E-mail: ab@rmhc-centralillinois.org

Fax: 217-528-6084



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Teen Council Recommendation Form



_____ has expressed a desire to join the RMHCCI Teen Council. Each potential Teen Council member must submit a recommendation form. Please write a brief statement of recommendation regarding the applicant's character, general attitude, dependability, personality, and ability to cooperate.

Please Print

Name

Relationship to Applicant Length You Have Known Applicant

Home Phone and/or Work Phone E-mail

Do you recommend _____ for the RMHCCI Teen Council? (circle one)
(applicant's name)

YES NO

Please use the space below for any comments (If you need additional space, please feel free to attach a separate sheet)

Signature Date



If you have any questions, please contact Allaina Blackwell at 217-528-3314 ext. 148. Thank you for your help!

Please complete and mail to:
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