



## 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.

### **Springfield Teen Council Description**

The Springfield House 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 2019-2020 Teen Council, students will be required to attend an orientation tentitively scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. There will be monthly meetings throughout the school year, with additional meetings scheduled as needed. Members will be required to attend the orientation.

The orientation will include more information regarding what the year will entail for the Teen Council, including volunteer opportunities and the Teen Council annual fundraiser. The meetings will focus on awareness of RMHCCI, planning, community service, team building, developping leadership skills, 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 8 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Program Commitments**

- A one-year commitment with the possibility of continued service throughout high school years
- Signed Media Release Form
- 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 2019-2020

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Name Cell Phone

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Address

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City State Zip Date of Birth

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E-mail Address Shirt Size

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High School Grade Entering in August 2019

## 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.)?

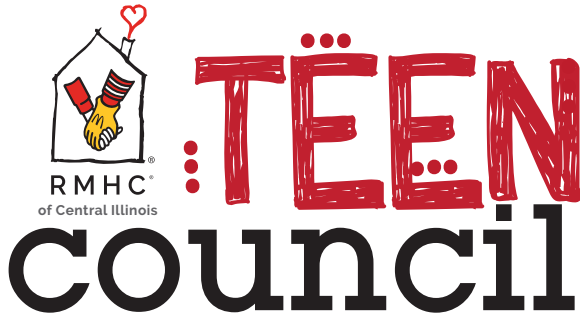
What attracted you to becoming involved with the Teen Council, and why do you want to be a part of it? What do you hope to gain?

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 at least 70% of meetings throughout the school year
- Actively participate in meetings and arrive on time
- Stay up-to-date on Teen Council communications
- Participate in Ronald McDonald House activities and cook a meal for families
- Help plan and attend 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 70% of monthly meetings. I will do my best to advocate independently and as a group for RMHCCI.

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Prospective Member Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**Please return your completed application packet by August 31, 2019 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](mailto: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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Attn: Allaina Blackwell  
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Springfield, IL 62702  
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