

## **TRACC Coalition & Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa The KEYS Alliance Membership Application**

The KEYS Alliance is a youth advisory board that is dedicated to improving Tangipahoa Parish through efforts that stand against underage drinking & substance use and support crime prevention. **“KEYS” stands for “Keeping Every Youth Safe”**. The TRACC Coalition & Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa seek to attain at least one youth representative from each Tangipahoa Parish high school to be a part of the KEYS Alliance.

The KEYS Alliance is sponsored by and operates in conjunction with the TRACC Coalition and Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa. The KEYS Members will participate in multiple events throughout Tangipahoa Parish each year. In 2009, the TRACC Coalition established the first annual Youth Leadership Rally as a way to promote National Orange Ribbon Week, which seeks to bring awareness to underage drinking. The KEYS Members will be able to advocate and promote the National Orange Ribbon Week in their respective schools and communities.

KEYS Alliance Members will also have the opportunity to attend a conference over the summer, where they will learn how to create environmental strategies for their local community. The members will create action plans at the conference which will be implemented throughout the school year. The KEYS Members will be serving their community by improving its social environment. The summer conference for 2012 should yield powerful action plans to assist Tangipahoa Parish communities. The KEYS Members will meet on a monthly basis to maintain the action plans and participate in camps and trainings throughout the year.

### **Why join The KEYS Alliance?**

- \* Give input into your community.*
- \* Become a catalyst for change.*
- \* Meet new people and make connections for the future.*
- \* Learn more about state/local/city government.*
- \* Learn more about civic engagement.*
- \* Build your resume.*

### **Qualifications for The KEYS Alliance:**

- \* Applicants must attend monthly meetings.*
- \* Must already show leadership through school, club, or community organization.*
- \* Must be in 9th-12th grades for the 2011-2012 school year.*
- \* Must attend a mandatory 2-day training retreat provided by TRACC Coalition & Crime stoppers of Tangipahoa.*

The KEYS Alliance youth advisory board is looking for active, energetic youth who seek to make a difference in their Tangipahoa Parish community. Applicants **MUST** have the time to attend monthly meetings and help plan various year-round activities. Please remember this when applying to be a part of KEYS Alliance.

# The KEYS Alliance Youth Advisory Board Application

## Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity (optional):

African-American  Caucasian  Asian  Hispanic  Native American  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Student Employer Information

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Worked/Week (include regular days/times): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (HOME)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Statement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), acknowledge that I am the *parent/guardian* of \_\_\_\_\_ (name). I hereby agree to allow my child to participate in the KEYS ALLIANCE Youth Advisory Board. I recognize that this will involve monthly meetings and involvement in projects for the Tangipahoa community. I agree to allow my child to participate and I thereby take responsibility for transportation for my child to each meeting and event, which will be planned in advance.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please attach additional sheet of paper if more space is needed)

**Currently a Member of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Honors, Skills, or Special Recognition:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Tell us about yourself (interests/hobbies/activities/involvement/volunteerism)?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Why do you want to be a member of the KEYS Alliance?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you hear about the KEYS Alliance? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you feel that Tangipahoa needs a Youth Advisory Board? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your opinions and beliefs about substance use (alcohol, drugs, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## The KEYS Alliance Youth Advisory Board Application, Continued

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How do you plan to contribute to the KEYS Alliance? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you able to attend monthly KEYS meetings (to be held same day each month)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you willing to participate in the KEYS Alliance action plan implementation, which will involve additional meetings and planned activities? \_\_\_\_\_

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What potential conflicts will you have with KEYS Alliance meetings and activities? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Certification Statement:**

I agree that the information provided is accurate. I realize that being accepted as a KEYS Alliance member is an honor and privilege that also requires hard work and responsibility. If accepted to this position, I will be able to make the time commitment to the KEYS Alliance throughout the school year. I will attend all meetings, retreats, and events. I will be committed to the ideals and principles of the KEYS Alliance, exemplifying these ideals and principles in all aspects of life.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit Application to:**

Mail to: TRACC Coalition, P.O. Box 215, Amite LA 70422

Drop off: 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite LA 70422, Attn: TRACC Coalition

**Questions?** Please contact TRACC Youth Coordinator, at 985-748-3211, or email at TRACC@tangipahoa.org, or visit our Facebook page to learn more information.