



# Say What! Teen Ambassador Application

**Instructions: Please type or print clearly!** Applications must be fully completed to be considered for selection. To apply to become a Say What! Teen Ambassador, the applicant must be at least 15 years of age or between freshman and junior year in High School during the 2020-2021 school year. If you currently are or have been a Teen Ambassador and will be a senior for the school year 2020-2021, you are also eligible to apply.  
**Application Deadline: 12:00noon CT, Sunday, August 9, 2020**

## Section I:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State **TEXAS** Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School / Community Group \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2020-2021) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registered on TxSayWhat.com? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What social media networks do you use? (Please fill in with handle/url)

Facebook.com/ \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter.com/ \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram.com/ \_\_\_\_\_ Pinterest.com/ \_\_\_\_\_

YouTube.com/ \_\_\_\_\_ Snapchat: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section II: (Use extra paper if necessary)

Why do you care about tobacco prevention? \_\_\_\_\_

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**What have you personally accomplished regarding tobacco prevention in your community? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**What does it mean to you to be an advocate? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**If you are selected to become a Say What! Teen Ambassador, what specific areas of tobacco prevention do you hope to address in your school or community and what do you expect to change at the local or state level? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**List your other activities (i.e. clubs, church, sports, outside jobs, hobbies, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_**

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### **Section III:**

All applicants are required to record a video of themselves answering the following questions:

- 1) Tell us about yourself. **[30-60 seconds]**
- 2) Why are you applying to be a Teen Ambassador? **[30-60 seconds]**
- 3) Tell us about one of your favorite experiences involving tobacco prevention. **[at least 30 seconds]**
- 4) Tell us about an experience that demonstrates your abilities as a leader. **[at least 30 seconds]**
- 5) Other than tobacco prevention, tell us about something else you're passionate about? **[30-60 seconds]**
- 6) Why are you the best candidate to be the voice for youth tobacco prevention in Texas? **[30-60 seconds]**

Please make sure that your video follows these guidelines:

- Shot in **landscape** mode
- Clear audio and video
- Upload video to **YouTube** - make sure the privacy setting is "**Unlisted**" *not Private*

Once you've uploaded your Say What! Teen Ambassador Application video to YouTube, please email the link along with your first and last name to [TxSayWhat@txstate.edu](mailto:TxSayWhat@txstate.edu) by **12:00noon CT on Sunday, August 9, 2020**.

### **Section IV:**

All applicants are required to attach two reference letters to their application. Letters must be submitted by an adult who is familiar with your skills and abilities related to working with youth, can verify your participation in youth-related activities, and can describe an experience they have had with you that demonstrates your skills and abilities. Please include contact information for references on each letter. Adults to ask for references include: School Administrator, Counselor, Teacher, Dean of Students, Professor, Employer, Supervisor, Co-worker, Pastor, Priest, Rabbi, Youth Minister, etc.

As you can see, a Say What! Teen Ambassador must exhibit a high degree of maturity, responsibility, flexibility, and leadership ability. By signing the bottom of this application and submitting it for consideration, you are agreeing to the following:

***I understand that:***

- a.** The information that I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless the Texas School Safety Center, its employees and volunteers, thereof.
- b.** By signing this application, I have read the attached information and am applying to become a Say What! Teen Ambassador with the Texas School Safety Center and the Texas Department of State Health Services Tobacco Prevention Initiative.
- c.** If selected to become a Say What! Teen Ambassador, I will meet all expectations listed in the Service Agreement, as well as any expectations that may be asked of me by Texas School Safety Center Staff.
- d.** The Texas School Safety Center may use photographs, video or audio that may be taken of me.
- e.** I affirm that the information that I have given on this form is true and correct.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Checklist

*Please make sure you have completed all of the following to ensure we have all of your materials:*

- Print out application and type or print clearly all of your responses
- Record video and upload to YouTube (post video as “**UNLISTED**”)
- Email YouTube link along with your first and last name to [TxSayWhat@txstate.edu](mailto:TxSayWhat@txstate.edu) by 12:00noon Central Time on **Sunday, August 9, 2020**
- Get two (2) letters of recommendation from adults
- Submit your application, recommendation letters, and your signed Say What! Teen Ambassador Service Agreement in one of the following ways:
  - Scan and email to [TxSayWhat@txstate.edu](mailto:TxSayWhat@txstate.edu) by 12:00noon CT on **Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**or**

- Mail to: Texas School Safety Center  
Texas State University  
Re: Say What! TA Application  
ATTN: Kathleen Bates  
415 N. Guadalupe #164  
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Postmarked by **Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**If you plan to mail your application, send an email to [TxSayWhat@txstate.edu](mailto:TxSayWhat@txstate.edu) once you have mailed it to notify us about your application.**

***\*\*\*It is ultimately the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that TxSSC receives all of the required paperwork by the deadline. We recommend following up either by email or phone call to confirm receipt – [TxSayWhat@txstate.edu](mailto:TxSayWhat@txstate.edu) or 512.245.6231.\*\*\****

# **Say What!**

## **First Year Teen Ambassador**

### **SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**Service Term: 9-1-20 through 8-31-21**

The purpose of this Service Agreement is to ensure that all youth applicants fully understand the commitment necessary to fulfill the role and responsibilities as a Say What! Teen Ambassador. The Say What! Teen Ambassador (TA) Program is an integral part of the State of Texas' Tobacco Prevention Initiative, with funding made available from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Under the direction and guidance of Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) at Texas State University, Say What! TAs embody the qualities of leadership, civic involvement and public service necessary to lead their peers and other adults in the continuing effort to protect people from the harmful effects of tobacco.

The main objective of the Say What! TA Program is to provide direction and leadership for Say What! events and resources. In addition, TAs serve as peer leaders to other youth across Texas and strive to model effective youth-adult partnership strategies. Serving as a primary youth voice for tobacco prevention in Texas, Say What! TAs represent their peers throughout the state and also utilize opportunities to advocate for tobacco prevention both locally and nationally.

Please review the following **mandatory** service requirements for a Say What! Teen Ambassador:

- Read and agreed to the Say What! TA Personal Integrity Statement.
- Attend the mandatory Fall Orientation Training in October 2020.
- Attend the mandatory Summer In-Service Training in June 2021.
- Staff at least one (1) of the regional Say What! Action Summits.
- Lead a project for Texas Tobacco-Free Kids Day the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in March.
- Staff the mandatory Say What! Texas Tobacco-Free Conference in July 2021.
- Lead at least one tobacco prevention project by August 31, 2021.
- Deliver at least two presentations to youth and adults by August 31, 2021.
- Report all projects conducted as a TA on TxSayWhat.com by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.
- Stay current on tobacco prevention and advocacy through articles, videos, and trainings as assigned.
- Communicate regularly and in a timely manner with TxSSC staff, Consultants, and fellow TA's.
- Share/re-post Say What!-generated social media content at minimum two times each month.
- Have reliable, consistent internet access.
- Participate in monthly phone parties.
- Actively recruit groups to attend Say What! events and register on TxSayWhat.com.

Each TA will be reviewed regularly during the term of service in regards to meeting performance measures. In addition, TxSSC staff may request a copy of a TAs report card to ensure academic responsibilities are being maintained. Any TA who fulfills the Service Agreement and completes a re-application when appropriate will be considered for term renewal. TxSSC has the right to remove any TA from active status based on inactivity or any conduct in contradiction to this agreement.

By signing this Service Agreement, said applicant agrees to abide by the terms set forth in this agreement and to make every effort to actively serve the full term of the Service Agreement should he/she be selected.

***I have read and understood the Say What! Teen Ambassador Service Agreement & Personal Integrity Statement.***

***Should I be selected to become a 2020-2021 Say What! TA, I agree to fulfill my commitment by meeting all of the agreed upon standards of conduct and service. I acknowledge that this opportunity is a privilege, and should I fail to meet the expectations listed above, I understand that I may be dismissed from the Say What! Teen Ambassador program.***

***Furthermore, I am committed to helping make the vision of a Tobacco-Free Texas a reality.***

***Printed Applicant Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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

***Printed Parent Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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