



June 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

In 2015 we launched our first Community Service Team. This team consisted of 9th and 10th grade Coweta students from public, private and home school programs. It is with much pleasure that we open the applications process for the 2017-2018 school year.

The program is led by former Coweta County Educator Cynthia Bennett and CCF Board Member, Michael Nix. As many of you know, Cynthia has long volunteered in our community in several capacities and given her strong leadership and passion for assisting students to achieve greater heights. We felt that she would be a perfect fit and Deidre has been a member of the CCF board since 2010 and is actively involved in the Coweta community.

The Community Service Team has several objectives:

- Build awareness of nonprofits among high school students
- Provide an opportunity for active participation in local nonprofit organizations.
- Train young teens to serve as auxiliary board members during their senior year as they are able to continue service on the CST as juniors.
- Bring new ideas and youthful energy to local nonprofit agencies.
- Provide an opportunity for the team to research and select one local nonprofit to receive a grant for a special project or program.

Membership will be determined through an application and interview process among students who are rising freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors. Students will attend no less than 5 monthly meetings during which they will be introduced to the various nonprofit organizations serving Coweta citizens. The students will participate in two work days where that will consist of either a board meeting, assisting with a program or project or just a visit. In addition, they will participate in a team building exercise at Banning Mills and two volunteer experiences in the community.

At the end of the two-year participation, nonprofits may invite the participant to serve as an auxiliary member of the Board of Directors. In addition, a stand out team member will be awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Community Foundation.

For those students who are interested the completed application must be emailed to ojones@cowetafoundation.org by September 4th, 2018 for consideration.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 770-253-1833 or email at ojones@cowetafoundation.org.

Thank you in advance for "Reaching Together" with us!

Sincerely,

Will Conoly
Chairman



Coweta Community Foundation

High School Community Service Team

I. Qualifications

- A. Live in Coweta County
- B. Either Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior in High School
- C. GPA of 2.5 or higher
- D. Desire for community service
- E. Be able to commit to meeting monthly from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM November through March.
- F. Be able to commit to two service projects with the Coweta Community Foundation Board in October and April.
- G. Be able to commit to the initial team building exercise on September 29th and a welcome meeting with parents on September 20th.
- H. Be willing to work with students from other public, private and home school high schools.

II. Opportunities and Scholarship

- A. By selection of the Coweta Community Foundation Board a board member is able to apply for a \$500 one time scholarship to be awarded directly to the post-secondary institution to which they have been accepted.
- B. The chosen recipient will also have the opportunity to serve on a local nonprofit Board of Directors during their Senior year of high school.

III. Procedure

- A. Complete application in its entirety (all applications and essays should be completed by the student only).
- B. Include official high school progress report – final grades from the 2017-2018 school year.
- C. Provide 2 Letters of Reference. Choose from teachers, counselor, minister, employer, etc. (This letter should speak to academic ability, community service and extracurricular activities.)
- D. Complete items A through E, and return to Coweta Community Foundation via email to ojones@cowetafoundation.org.
- E. **If any of the above are not submitted, the application will NOT be considered.**
- F. Possible interview with applicants or counselor may be requested if the Board feels is necessary.

RETURN TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OFFICE BY September 4th, 2017.

Important Dates are as follows:

July 31st, 2018 through September 4th, 2018 – Application Period

September 14th, 2018 – Email notifications sent to applicants and parents

September 19th, 2017, 6:30 PM – Parent and team member welcome meeting at Central Education Center located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

September 29th, 2018, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM – Team Building Exercise at Banning Mills.

November TBD, 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM – Meeting at West Georgia Tech on Turkey Creek Road. First meeting with 5 nonprofit organizations.

December TBD, 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM – Meeting at University of West Georgia on Jackson Street. Second meeting with 5 nonprofit organizations.

January TBD, 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM – Meeting at Foundation Office on Jackson Street. Assignments of teams and nonprofit agencies for site visits.

February TBD, 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM – Meeting at Foundation Office on Jackson Street. Report on nonprofit agency site visits.

March TBD 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM – Meeting at Foundation Office on Jackson Street. Final reports on nonprofit agency site visits and decide on nonprofit grant award and team member scholarship award.

April TBD – 10:00 AM – Graduation brunch with nonprofit grant award and scholarship award. Keynote speaker.

High School Community Service Team Application

Name _____ School _____

Address _____

Student's Cell Phone Number _____

Student's Email Address _____

How long have you been a resident of Coweta County? _____

Parents' Names _____

Parent's Cell Phone Number _____

Parent's Email Address _____

List any work experience you have had (include dates, hours, job title, etc.)

List activities you have participated in during Middle or High School (either through established programs available through the system or any activities participated in on your own outside of high school– include any leadership roles you have held. Please include length of participation). Please note: a lack of participation or outside activities does not preclude a student from being selected for the Community Service Team.

Organization

Date

Role

What is your greatest strength? Please describe.

The Coweta Community Foundation is a Service Organization within our community. We would like to know what volunteer means to you. Briefly describe a time you have volunteered and what you learned from the experience.

Why do you want to be a part of the Coweta Community Foundation High School Community Service Team? Please describe.

List two references (choice of minister, teachers, counselor, or employer) and attach Letters of Reference.

1. Name _____

Phone Number _____ Title _____

2. Name _____

Phone Number _____ Title _____

All information submitted will be held strictly confidential

I understand if selected, I will be responsible for my own transportation to and from meetings, nonprofit site visits and service projects. In addition, I understand that if I miss more than 2 meetings I can be removed from participation immediately.

I have completed the following – please initial:

_____ Completed application in its entirety (all applications and essays should be completed by the student only).

_____ Included official high school progress report – final grades from the 2017-2018 school year.

_____ Provided 2 Letters of Reference. Choose from teachers, counselor, minister, employer, etc. (This letter should speak to academic ability, community service and extracurricular activities.)

_____ Reviewed the list of important dates and verified that I have no conflicts that would prohibit me from completing the curriculum for 2018-2019 and placed them on mine and my family's calendar.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Email this application and supporting documentation to ojones@cowetafoundation.org by September 4th, 2018.