

JEFFERSON COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE

Junior Member Application

Mission Statement:

The Jefferson County DUI Task Force's mission is to reduce alcohol and drug related motor vehicle crashes, injuries and deaths in Jefferson County. Efforts will include education regarding alcohol/drug consequences, promotion of healthy choices and community involvement.

Junior Member Recruitment:

The Jefferson County DUI Task Force is recruiting junior members from Whitehall & Jefferson High Schools. Eligible applicants are students who will be seniors, juniors or sophomores during the current school term. Students who wish to apply must submit a written paper addressing the following topics:

- Why are you interested in being a junior member of the Jefferson County DUI Task Force?
- What problems do you see in your community regarding drugs, alcohol and driving under the influence?
- What ideas do you have to make positive changes in your community?

Please include a cover letter and a letter of recommendation. Please send a cover letter, completed answers to above questions and a letter of recommendation to:

Jefferson County DUI Task Force
Junior Member Program
PO Box H
Boulder, MT 59632

DUE DATE: ongoing until positions are filled

Questions can be directed to Barb Reiter at (406) 461-3618 or breiter@jeffersoncounty-mt.gov

Selection:

Members will be chosen based on the quality of their essay, ideas and concerns for the issues surrounding driving under the influence and their letter of recommendation. Selection will be made by the Jefferson County DUI Task Force. All those who submitted a complete packet will be notified of the board's decision. New junior members will begin participating with the board after they are approved.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Members will be expected to attend and participate in at least two of the DUI Task Force monthly meetings (via ZOOM or in person) held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5 PM in the clerk and recorder's conference room in Boulder.

Members will have an active role in planning public service announcements, Red Ribbon Week & Alcohol Awareness Month activities, events, media ads, social media messages and other activities appropriate to the mission of the Jefferson County DUI Task Force. These activities will generally occur in the applicant's respective school and on occasion may apply to the whole county. Members will be asked to help design a campaign to help engage teen awareness on issues surrounding drinking and driving and other duties as assigned by the Board.

Members will be expected to contribute a minimum of five hours each year, to be tracked on the Junior Member Log form.

Member Expectations:

Members will be performing duties in a leadership role and will be required to be role models to younger students, their peers and the community. Therefore, students should be in good standing academically and behaviorally. Students will be required to sign a pledge committing to be law abiding citizens and must refrain from any use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs. The board will consider such offenses grounds for immediate dismissal from the program. Junior members engaging in actions or activities that reflect discredit upon the Jefferson County DUI Task Force may be subject to review and /or dismissal as recommended by a majority of the Board.

Term and Completion:

Upon completion of the above requirements, graduating seniors who served as junior members will be eligible for up to a \$2000 scholarship for further education after high school graduation, and/or may attend a youth leadership conference which addresses the substance abuse challenges facing youth today. Scholarships will be decided by the board based upon each member's individual time and service to the DUITF.

Time of commitment: August – July

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