



## **STAAND**

### **Students Taking Action Against Negative Decisions**

Members of the Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County

**STAAND** is a group of Fond du Lac County youth and young adults who have come together to stand up and speak out against substance abuse in our community. We are members of Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County and our goal is to educate youth and adults in our community about the consequences of substance abuse.

**Vision:** A healthy and supportive community in which adults and youth are knowledgeable about substance use and its consequences.

**Mission:** Through the voice of youth, we will make a positive impact on our community by providing awareness and education about substance use and promoting healthy and safe decision making.

The goal of **STAAND** is to educate youth and adults about the consequences of substance abuse in an effort to help reduce substance use in our community. By working in collaboration with Fond du Lac School District, local law enforcement, area businesses, parents, and other community members, we are able to strengthen our efforts. Each member may have different motivating factors for being a part of

**STAAND**, however, all are willing to work together toward common goals. Below is a list of motives, established by members of **STAAND** which motivated them to become involved:

- **To Bring About Community Awareness and Education** – A passion for bringing awareness and education about substance use issues to all youth and adults of Fond du Lac County.
- **Internal Motivation or Drive** – A sincere belief that youth can make a difference in reducing the negative impact of drugs and alcohol in Fond du Lac County, and a desire to be an influential part of environmental change.
- **Oriented to the Goals of the Drug Free Communities**– To work as a part of a larger effort to brainstorm ideas, to come to a consensus on specific projects or tasks, to develop steps necessary to accomplish the task or complete the project, and to be a part of taking action to reach a common goal.



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**Operating Principles**

Members of the **STAAND** have different expectations, roles and responsibilities yet work together toward the same outcomes. Below are explanations of each, intended to help explain what it means to be a member of **STAAND**

| Expectations  | Roles  | Responsibilities  |
|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make our group stronger and more effective by obtaining more knowledge about our community needs regarding substance use and abuse.</li> <li>• To work as a team to conquer obstacles and accomplish goals to decrease drug use and underage drinking.</li> <li>• To distribute our ideas and accept others.</li> <li>• To respect ourselves and others; especially those who suffer from the negative effects of substance use.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be an active member in the community and to <b>STAAND</b> up for our mission and vision.</li> <li>• To share knowledge and personal experiences.</li> <li>• To believe in the passion and strength of other members of <b>STAAND</b>.</li> <li>• To be a positive and active representative of Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To commit to attending <b>STAAND</b> meetings on a regular basis.</li> <li>• To be an active member of the group by helping to put plans and goals into action.</li> <li>• To <b>STAAND</b> up for our belief that youth can have fun without putting themselves or anyone else in danger.</li> <li>• To be aware of our actions in the community, to make healthy decisions, and to be positive role models for other youth.</li> </ul> |



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**Youth/Young Adult Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary to answer the following questions:*

1.) What inspired you to fill out this application?

2.) What makes you passionate about the issue of substance use/abuse?

3.) What do you hope to gain by being a part of **STAAND?**

4.) Do you want to live a healthy lifestyle? Why?

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