



INTRODUCTION

STUDENT MOVEMENT AGAINST STIGMA AND HATE (SMASH) is Thrive Alabama's youth peer education and leadership program. SMASH strives to reduce ignorance, promote acceptance, and stress the importance of HIV awareness. Teens are peer educators who learn sexual health information and educate their friends and classmates. Teens also organize events at their schools and in the community to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and other STIs.

SMASH is comprised of local high school students who are passionate about educating their peers on HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness throughout the community.

SMASH members hold a variety of beliefs and viewpoints. Each member contributes to the council in his or her own way. We welcome diversity. No one is expected to come into the group with vast amounts of knowledge. Rather, we hope everyone who is selected comes ready to learn in an atmosphere that is fun, supportive, and engaging. We strive to create a strong and diverse group.

MEETINGS

SMASH has monthly meetings typically on the second Monday of each month for activity planning and reflection. Meetings start at 4:00pm

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Team Building Retreat
- Awareness Girls Day Out
- Peer Leader Training
- Awareness Skate Night
- Overnight Conference
- Community Outreach
- School Presentations
- SMASH Summit

Members will also be asked to participate in activities that occurs during school hours, which will require absence from the regular classroom setting, and parent approval will be required prior to the these activities. We will work with school administrators to ensure these absences are excused.

APPLY ONLINE AT SMASHHIV.ORG

OR COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION AND MAIL OR E-MAIL.

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QUESTIONS? CALL:
256-536-4700 ext 133

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APPLICATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Grade _____ Gender _____ Race (optional) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ School _____

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian _____

SMASH (Student Movement Against Stigma and Hate) members will be encouraged to develop their leadership skills in a number of creative ways. After comprehensive training and guidance, SMASH members will be expected to provide presentations and participate in various projects in local schools and community groups. Topics of presentations will include: HIV/AIDS education, pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted infections, and healthy relationships.

If accepted as a member of SMASH (Student Movement Against Stigma and Hate), I agree to fully participate in all activities (within reasonable commitment & time limits).

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

I have read the first page of this application and I understand the commitment participation in SMASH will require of my daughter/son; I give permission for her/him to participate in SMASH

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Student Name _____ Date _____

This young person is applying to be part of SMASH. SMASH is Thrive Alabama's youth peer education and leadership program. SMASH strives to reduce ignorance, promote acceptance, and stress the importance of HIV awareness. Teens are peer educators who learn sexual health information and educate their friends and classmates and encourage them to make healthy decisions. Teens also organize events at their schools and in the community to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. For more information visit smashhiv.org

1. How do you know this student and how long have you known them?

2. What are some of this student's strengths?

3. What would make this student a strong contributing member of SMASH?

4. What is one interesting thing about this student's personality (what makes them unique)?

Your Name _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Signature _____

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