The Youth Board serves as a student-led Board of Directors. Members learn about and discuss community needs, volunteer within the county, and fundraise for their grant fund. Guest speakers who have knowledge of community needs often share at meetings. This also provides an opportunity for students to meet diverse leaders and contributors in the county and to partner with them on projects such as campaigns and fundraising.

United Way of San Luis Obispo County

About Us
United Way advances the common good. Our focus is on education, income and health – the building blocks for a good quality of life. United Way recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite you to be a part of the change. You can give, you can advocate and you can volunteer. That’s what it means to LIVE UNITED.

Our Mission
To foster structural change by addressing root causes in order to safeguard the future of our community.

Our Vision
To build a stronger, healthier, more compassionate community in San Luis Obispo County by focusing on education, income, and health.
The UWSLO Youth Board fulfills many of the same duties as the United Way of San Luis Obispo County Board of Directors, most notably the distribution of grant funds for youth-oriented projects.

Members of the Youth Board also:
- have the opportunity to hold an Executive Officer position, as well as be involved in other committees.
- learn fundraising, marketing and campaigning strategies.
- meet other involved professionals within the community.
- learn and understand how a Board of Directors functions.

Qualifications and Requirements
High school students of SLO County are eligible to apply. The Youth Board holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday evening of each month, from October until June. Members are allowed to miss up to three meetings, however, attendance is necessary for the group to function at its highest level and students are encouraged to participate in discussions, voice their opinions, share ideas, and offer input. United Way hosts several fundraising and community service events per year, and members are expected to volunteer for at least one of these events per semester.

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