

The Ally Agreement

What's an Ally?

Allies are an integral part of the Youth Venture experience and each Youth Venture Team is required to have at least one Ally.

An ally is a non-controlling adult resource who offers support and guidance to a Youth Venture Team.

Youth Ventures are youth-created and youth-led clubs, community organizations and businesses designed to benefit the community. They are sustainable organizations, not one-time projects or events. Each Venture consists of a team of young people ages 12-20.

Allies help Venture Teams focus on their goals and stay on track. They are not responsible for doing the work of any team member, planning activities, leading or scheduling team meetings, managing the money, or making decisions for the Venture. Allies can introduce teams to relevant community businesses and organizations, provide advice when teams make decisions for their Venture, or offer encouragement through the good times and bad. Both Teams and Allies should adapt the role of the Ally to fit their needs!

The Ally Agreement is a document that allows Venture Teams and potential Allies to mold the role of the Ally to their needs and interests. Allies should be in regular contact with their Venture Teams, but this gives both teams and Allies the opportunity to include additional stipulations—either specific needs or limitations. For example, teams may express the need for an Ally who will help them manage their finances, while an Ally might say that he or she is only able to attend three out of four Venture meetings a month. After these stipulations have been discussed and agreed upon, Venture Teams and Allies officially commit to the agreement and to each other by signing the Ally Agreement. Both the Venture Team and the Ally should keep a copy of the Ally Agreement.

Youth Venture is a national not-for-profit organization that seeks to empower youth as agents of community change. Youth Venture provides a structure and resources, including up to \$1,000 of grant funding, to youth who create and lead their own community-benefiting club or business.

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As an Ally for the Youth Venture team _____,
(Venture team name)

I _____ will provide support and guidance without
(Ally name)

taking control of the venture away from the team members. As an Ally, I agree to...

- attend Selection Panel
- Supply suggestions when youth get stuck.
- Provide guidance when the Venturers make decisions concerning the Venture.
- Offer my expertise to the Venture Team.
- Help connect the Venture Team to my community.
- Be a liaison between Youth Venture and the Venture Team
- Encourage the Venture Team during good times and rough times.
- (additional stipulations by Venture Team) _____

- (additional stipulations by Ally) _____

As an Ally, I will not...

- Make decisions for the venture team.
- Take over the venture
- Schedule or lead venture meetings
- (additional stipulations by Venture Team) _____

- (additional stipulations by Ally) _____

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Ally's Contact Information			
Ally Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Daytime Telephone:		Evening Telephone:	
Email:		Relationship to team:	

This Ally Agreement does not bind, legally or otherwise, an Ally to Youth Venture or any partnering organization; signing indicates that the signer understands the conditions of the agreement, and that he/she is committed to fulfilling his/her responsibilities. All allies are subject to background checks conducted by Youth Venture or partnering organizations.

Ally: By signing below, I am stating that I understand my role as an Ally and I am agreeing to the above conditions, and I am making a commitment to the Youth Venture Team.

Ally signature

date

Venture Team: By signing below, we are stating that we understand the Ally's role, and we are making a commitment to the Ally.

Lead Venturer signature

date

If you have questions, please contact...

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