

YOUTH VENTURE TECHNICAL ALLIES PROGRAM



Technical Allies support young people as they start, lead, and sustain community minded organizations, clubs, or businesses. Technical Allies share their experience and knowledge with our young changemakers who may need assistance in such areas as business planning, professional development, fundraising, media contact, and community organizing, as well as information about issues such as globalization, violence prevention, and cultural awareness.

Technical Allies can be lawyers, artists, business professionals, writers; anyone with acquired skills who is willing to share them with our Youth Venturers.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The Technical Ally Special Guests program presents an opportunity for Venturers ask specific questions to practiced professionals and Venturers experienced in the given topic or technical field in a workshop atmosphere.

WHAT: The Technical Ally Special Guest workshops take place over a free teleconference line on topics like fundraising, marketing, and engaging elected officials, as well as issue areas like multicultural and environmental awareness.

WHEN: The workshops are every other Monday at 7:30pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) and last for about an hour. E-mail TechnicalAlly@youthventure.org for a list of upcoming workshops or visit the Technical Ally profile on www.youthventure.org.

WHO: Youth Venturers from across the U.S. are invited to call in and get advice from a Technical Ally and a well-experienced guest Venturer. Each speaks about their knowledge and experience on the workshop topic for about 15-20 minutes and the last 20 minutes of the call are reserved for discussion and questions.

WHY: As veteran entrepreneurs work with young leaders, we can build a broader community of youth-adult partnerships. The program allows adults and Youth Venturers alike from around the country to learn from and share their experiences with one another.

E-ADVISORS

The Technical Ally E-Advisors program connects Venturers who have specific technical questions with E-Advisors who have relevant experience via email.

WHAT: E-Advisors are committed to responding to Venturers' specific technical questions related to their Venture work via TechnicalAlly@youthventure.org.

WHEN: Any time! Youth Venture staff will relay emails from Venturers to appropriate Technical Allies who can answer their question within forty-eight hours. The expected long-term, flexible time commitment for E-Advisors should be three to five hours per month.

WHO: Youth Venturers from across the U.S. are invited to e-mail their specific technical questions to TechnicalAlly@youthventure.org. Youth Venture staff will connect them with an E-Advisor, and the two will direct emails to the above e-mail address.

WHY: The E-Advisors program provides one-on-one personal resource connections to Youth Venturers, beyond their existing personal contacts and resources, to help answer their technical questions related to their specific Venture work.