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Applications are open for KCHD's Youth Health Board

Knoxville, Tenn.— The Youth Health Board is now accepting applications from Knox County high school students. The program is a great resume builder for potential college applications and provides a learning opportunity in the field of public health and other health-related professions.

"Students on the Youth Health Board gain life experience that they can take with them into college and their daily lives," said Kinsey Simmerman, public health educator for KCHD. "Students get to be involved in projects within their own community and network with professionals. Last year's group achieved a total of 376 volunteer hours!"

Monthly meetings feature guest speakers and volunteer opportunities that enable students to explore and act on issues affecting our community such as mental health, emergency preparedness, physical activity, nutrition, and adolescent health issues.

The application is open through May 10, 2024.

Youth Health Board applicants will need to commit to:

- Serving from August 2024 April 2025
- Attending monthly meetings
- Serving a minimum of 15 hours through various volunteer and public health community events

Visit the <u>Youth Health Board page</u> to learn more about the program and to submit an application. For questions about this program, please email kchd.youthhealthboard@knoxcounty.org

About Knox County Health Department

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.

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