



Thrive Council Application

Applicants must be high school students and must have (and maintain) a 2.5 GPA.

Please email this application to katie@dcoinc.org

or mail to

**1017 Antebellum Circle
Hendersonville, TN 37075**

“Decisions, Choices & Options” is excited to select students to serve on their Thrive Council. Thank you for your interest. Upon receiving your application, DCO will schedule an interview to meet you and discuss your understanding of the DCO’s Thrive Council standards and your commitment to becoming a member.

The ideal applicant is a servant-leader who desires to help their fellow teens recognize their individual value and educate them to make healthy decisions.

Please read the mission statement and goals on the last page of this application packet. This application includes a commitment to pursuing excellence by making positive choices as well as abstaining from harmful behaviors, including sexual activity. Because, the Thrive Council represents DCO in our schools and throughout the Greater Nashville community, it is imperative that all Thrive Council members and their lifestyle reflect the values of DCO and the Thrive Council as outlined on the commitment page of this application.

Name: (full name) _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Grade for Current School Year: _____ Current grade point average: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone number/s: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Names of Legal Guardian(s): _____

Legal Guardian(s) Address(es): _____

Phone numbers for Legal Guardian(s): _____

Please circle one choice from the four following options for each statement:

(Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)

1. My friends would say I am reliable.	SA	A	D	SD
2. My teachers would say I am respectful.	SA	A	D	SD
3. I think it is important to prioritize my commitments.	SA	A	D	SD
4. I don't think that others will imitate my actions.	SA	A	D	SD
5. I respect my parents' authority in my life.	SA	A	D	SD
6. I call myself a leader amongst my classmates and my peers.	SA	A	D	SD
7. I don't take into account the impact my decisions will have on others.	SA	A	D	SD
8. I am willing to dedicate my time to make a difference in the community.	SA	A	D	SD
9. I allow others to influence my decisions.	SA	A	D	SD
10. I am willing to accept the things I cannot change.	SA	A	D	SD
11. I think it is okay to put others down.	SA	A	D	SD
12. I am committed to remaining abstinent until marriage.	SA	A	D	SD

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability in a paragraph or less.

1. Please share your life goals and the short-term goals you are setting to achieve your life goals.

2. Please share your hobbies, gifts and/or talents.

3. Please share past and/or present extracurricular and athletic involvement. Also, please list your commitments for the current school year.

We will have monthly meetings. Will you commit to make Thrive Council meetings a priority? Yes No

4. Please share past or present leadership experiences. How you will exhibit leadership as a Thrive Council member?

5. Please share why you have chosen to apply for DCO's Thrive Council.

Please answer the following scenarios as you would honestly respond if these were real situations you were experiencing in your life.

1. A friend just confided that he/she is sexually active. How would you respond to him/her?

2. You are in a situation where everyone around you is smoking and drinking. How would you refrain from giving in to the peer pressure?

Please read DCO's Mission Statements and the Objectives of DCO's Thrive Council and then sign the statement below.

DCO's Mission:

Decisions, Choices & Options exists to provide prevention education for teens, young adults and the adults who care about them, regarding the decisions that come along with sexual activity and teen pregnancy. We educate students that avoiding the risk by abstaining from sexual activity until marriage is the healthiest choice. Using current, factual data on each of the three options- parenting, abortion, and adoption- we help students gain a better understanding of the short and long term effects of each choice. Our goal is to equip a generation of youth to choose healthy, life-affirming and success oriented patterns of behavior.

Our Objectives

- Educate and equip teens to make healthy life-affirming choices.
- Increase students' understanding that their choices impact their future.
- Develop qualities to enable students to overcome past failures and injustices.
- Accomplish a sense of trust throughout the group using teamwork and encouragement.
- Help teens form a vision for their future and steps to achieve it.
- Increase teens' sense of self-worth.
- Lead our peers by being a positive voice for good decisions.
- Be a good role model to others by serving the community.

I have read the mission statement and goals of DCO's Thrive Council entirely. I fully support the mission and goals of DCO and I am committed to making healthy choices, including a lifestyle of abstinence. I will do my best to represent the organization in the community and in my school by the pursuit of excellence in all areas of my life. I will be accountable to the staff of DCO for my lifestyle and commitment to DCO's goals.

Signature_____

I have read my child's application and I agree to support him/her in his/her venture of becoming a Thrive Council Member.

Parent/Guardian's Signature_____