

## Join the Youth Action Board BACKBONE

### Who can be on Backbone?

- Youth and young adults ages 11-24
- Live primarily in Marion or Polk County
- Have past or present lived experience with homelessness or unstable housing

### What does Backbone do?

- Works to prevent and end youth homelessness
- Advises the Board of Directors on policies and practices
- Supports the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program in our community
- Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month from 5:00-7:00pm (includes dinner)

### Why is it called Backbone?

- Experiencing homelessness forces young people to grow a strong backbone early
- We are standing strong now to make things better

### Why join?

- Raise your voice to make things better for young people in our community
- Get paid a stipend (\$18/hour) for meetings you attend and work you do
- Get help overcoming barriers to participation like transportation or technology
- Connect with other young people who have experienced homelessness
- Develop skills like leadership, time management, teamwork, public speaking, etc.

### How to apply?

- Fill out application here: <https://forms.gle/mGTD8D5wRvpp81Rc8>  
Or scan QR code to the right  
Or pick up a hard copy application from Hailey at HOME (625 Union St NE, Salem), Amanda at HOST (1143 Liberty St NE, Salem) or Annie at the Resource Center (182 SW Academy St Suite 220, Dallas)  
Or email [YAB@mwhomelessalliance.org](mailto:YAB@mwhomelessalliance.org) to request application
- Attend a Backbone meeting as a guest (in-person or on zoom)
- Participate in an interview



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