



# Teen Advisory Group FAQs and Application

Are you interested in joining a group of teens who come together to share ideas with library staff about library programs, policies, special projects, and more? We will work together to bring your ideas to life.

## What is TAG?

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a group of teens who work to make the library teen-friendly. TAG is a great way to earn Community Service hours and to help choose and plan activities and programs at the library.

## How does TAG work?

TAG runs for a few months twice a year. Session 1 runs from February through May and Session 2 runs from August through November. Space in TAG is limited, so you have to apply for each session. During a session, TAG meets as a group (over snacks) once a month on a Wednesday evening in the Library's Teen Room. Meetings include discussions on what the Group wants to see in the library, planning for Teen events, and working together to make the library a safe, comfortable, and inviting place for teens. In between meetings, members can work with the Teen Librarian to schedule time for volunteer hours. TAG members are encouraged to come to the various teen events to help out and have fun.

## What types of things does TAG do?

TAG helps to: suggest programs and activities, plan teen programs, judge teen contests, recommend things for the library's collections, create displays, and help to create a welcoming teen environment in the library.

## What are the benefits of joining TAG?

TAG members have the ability to influence the teen space and programs at the library, the opportunity to be creative and express themselves through projects and activities, have fun and enjoy snacks at meetings, gain experience for job applications, and earn community service hours.

## Are there any requirements to apply and be involved in TAG?

- Be in grades 8-12
- Commit to serving the entire session (February - May or August - November).
  - Commit to attending the monthly meeting, and informing the Teen Librarian if you cannot make it.
- Be an active member in meetings.
- Commit to at least 2 service hours every month at the library.
  - Monthly meetings count towards 1 hour of this requirement.
  - Helping to set up or break down teen programs counts towards this requirement.
- Have your parent's/guardian's permission.
- Be respectful of others and their views/opinions.

## How do I join TAG?

To join, you'll need to fill out an application and submit it at the Main library in Hillsborough. You can also submit the application via email to Alexis, the Teen Librarian, at [avreeland@orangecountync.gov](mailto:avreeland@orangecountync.gov).

Applicants will have a small meet and greet with the Teen Librarian to make sure applicants understand the role of being a TAG member and to answer any questions.

## Have any questions?

Please feel free to email Alexis with any TAG questions, [avreeland@orangecountync.gov](mailto:avreeland@orangecountync.gov), or stop by to chat.

# Teen Advisory Group

Please fill out and return this application to the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough.

## Applicant's Information

Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Applicants are not required to live in Orange County or be currently enrolled in an Orange County school in order to participate in OCPL's TAG.

## Parent/Guardian's Information

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Questions

What types of things that TAG does interest you?

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What activities have you done that involve leadership or community service?

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Why do you want to join TAG?

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Can you commit to attending the 4 monthly meetings and volunteering 2 hours a month at the library with the Teen Librarian?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application to join Orange County Public Library's Teen Advisory Group, both the applicant and their parent/guardian confirm that they have read and understood how TAG works and what the members' requirements are. Both parties also give their permission for Orange County Public Library to use the applicant's picture in advertisement associated with TAG and the Library.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_