

Student Selection



We encourage you to talk with your area high school principals or counselors. Many of the administrators are already aware of this conference and would welcome the opportunity to help select students who would participate from their school.

There are many ways for clubs to select students. They include the following:

1. Calling the local high school and turning the project over to a principal or counselor at the school.
Tips: Call the high school and make an appointment with the principal or counselor. Explain the program and the benefits to the student and school. Ask the school to find candidates, but follow up on the meeting with phone calls showing interest in the school and students. Keep in close contact with the schools and eventually with the students.
2. Asking members of your local club if they would like any of their children or grandchildren to attend the conference.
Tips: Call the parents first. Many kids will not volunteer for something like this, but their parents will see the value and be willing to persuade their kids to attend.
3. Go to the high school principal and obtain a list of student leaders. Class officers or student council representatives are usually good choices. Call some of the parents of these kids and ask them if they would like their children to attend the conference.
4. If you have students at your school who attended the conference in the past year, ask them to suggest students for the next conference; ask them to talk with those prospective students.
5. Have posters and other forms of written information posted at the school to promote the conference, and accept applications directly from the students.

In each case, a dedicated club member must follow up on the progress of the student selection process. Never leave it to the school or someone else and expect to have a candidate. Many clubs in the district have promised students, only to find someone has not followed up on the selection process and they do not have anybody to send to the conference. This is a lost opportunity that cannot be recovered.

A club may sponsor as many students as it deems feasible. We suggest, however, that at least two students attend from the same high school so that they have each other to confer with when they return home. Students are more able to make immediate and lasting changes in their attitudes and behaviors when they have someone else to share their experiences.

Students who attend should be:

- Fall 2004 Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors.
- Students with perceived leadership ability.