



KASA, the Kids as Self Advocates Project of Family Voices, is seeking youth with disabilities & health care needs to serve on our National Advisory Board. We are seeking youth with a disability and/or health care need, between the ages of 13 and 26 to serve on the all-youth volunteer Advisory Board, which is responsible for strategic planning for the growing project, program planning, activities and outreach. KASA works to help support youth to have control over their lives and future through peer-support and training, changing systems to include us and educating youth about their rights.

- The Advisory Board meets monthly, by teleconference, via a free conference line or by video conference.
- Advisory Board members are expected to spend about 2-4 hours/month on KASA activities and projects
- Opportunities for travel to attend or present at conferences or meetings are occasionally available to those KASA board members who are interested. When possible travel expenses will be provided in advance; all travel will be reimbursed.

If you meet the following qualifications, please complete the application. We are looking for:

- Youth with a disability and/or health care needs who are between 13 and 26 years old
- Youth who can make a commitment to be on the Board for 2 years
- Youth with some leadership experience
- Youth who are enthusiastic about leadership and advocacy
- Youth who are interested in learning more about disability history, culture and rights
- Youth who can work as a team member and who are interested in understanding more about how a project works
- Youth who are connected to an advocacy or youth group in their community, state or another national organization and/or who are willing to make a commitment to do so.

KASA is a growing network, sharing information through our website and email, on issues that interest and are important to young people with disabilities & chronic health conditions. KASA membership is free and open to anyone who works with and cares about youth with disabilities and/or health care needs.

Visit us on the web www.fvkasa.org

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Send completed applications and inquiries to the address, email or fax below:

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KASA National Advisory Board Member Expectations

Participation

- You must participate in KASA Advisory Board calls [1-2 per month]
- You must actively participate in our social media efforts including, but not limited to posting content, commenting on content posted by other KASA members and staff, and sharing posts on your own timelines and groups.
- You must write at least one article or submit a resource to the website each year, or create content for at least 2 social media posts.
- You must check your email at least once a week or call someone to see what you missed
- We work under an Annual Operating Plan that we develop. You must work on one project a year.

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KASA National Advisory Board APPLICATION

Applicant Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Preferred method of communication: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone or TTY: _____ Best time & day to contact you: _____

The following questions on Cultural Diversity and Disability are optional. We are asking these questions to order to make sure that we are representing as many perspectives as we can, with specific outreach to underserved groups of young people. Your choice of whether or not to answer to this question will have no impact on your selection to the KASA Advisory Board.

Cultural Diversity (please circle one)

Asian/Pacific Islander	Mixed Racial Background	Black/African American
White (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic/Latino	Native American/Alaskan tribe
Other _____	Decline to answer	

Disability and/or Chronic Health Issues (please circle as many as apply)

motor/mobility	cognitive	communication
physical	chronic health issues	sensory
other _____	decline to answer	

Getting to know YOU!

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Where do you go to school? _____

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School activities or hobbies you are involved in: _____

Essay:

On a separate piece of paper please describe:

- Yourself: your likes, dislikes, qualities about you, and you in general.
- What effect(s) did your disability/chronic illness have on your life?
- Skills or experience you have; i.e.: speaking in front of a group, comfortable with technology, good writer, travel within the US or to different countries, membership in a club or group, etc.
- Your leadership and training experience
- How you heard about KASA and why you want to be involved
- Your advocacy activities at the state, local or national level.
- What issues do you feel are important to youth with special health care needs/disabilities?
- If you could change one thing for people with disabilities, what would it be?

Personal/Professional Recommendations:

Please list three references that are non-family members, and include each person's name, phone number or e-mail address, and relationship to you.

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