What is TAM? The Technology and Adolescent Mental Wellness program (TAM) is a research initiative and diverse community seeking answers to the following foundational question: **How can technology support adolescent mental wellness?** Members of our Youth Advisory Board work to ensure that TAM is asking the right questions about youth and technology use.

**WHAT DOES A TAM YAB MEMBER DO?**

As a youth advisor, we will ask you to share your experiences with technology and your perspective on its benefits, drawbacks, and impact in your daily life. You may be asked questions like, "What is a big problem or big opportunity facing teens on social media?" "What is your interpretation of this data about teen mental health?" "What would motivate you or your friends to participate in research?" You will be asked to share these perspectives with your fellow youth advisors, with academic researchers, and with people from the tech industry, healthcare, and the larger community.

**HOW WILL THE TAM YAB BENEFIT YOU?**

Being a TAM youth advisor is perfect for youth interested in careers in healthcare, mental health, research, and other STEM fields. TAM YAB members are invited to share what they hope to learn in the YAB experience, and as such our professional development activities change year to year. YAB members in the past have requested for professional development opportunities like: career exposure and information; learning about college, graduate school, and medical school; tackling hard conversations; interviewing and resume building; learning about mental health; and finding more opportunities to get involved with researchers all over the United States. TAM YAB members also play an integral role at the TAM program’s yearly virtual conference. Youth advisors receive a stipend of $100 at the end of their term if attendance requirements are met.

**WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES?**

All requirements are virtual; therefore, youth from all over the United States can apply! Applicants should be between the ages of 13-18. We strive for a diverse YAB and encourage you to note in your application the ways in which you bring a diverse perspective to the YAB. The term for a youth advisor is 1 year (August 2022-August 2023), with the option to renew for another year. YAB members are required to attend the following events: a virtual conference and between 8-12 hours of virtual TAM YAB meetings over the one-year term. You are required to attend 75% of the monthly meetings to qualify for the yearly stipend. YAB members are asked to engage in occasional e-mail communication over the course of the one-year term.

**QUESTIONS?**

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