

# WHY START A KAY PROGRAM IN YOUR SCHOOL?

1. OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS
2. KAY IS SPONSORED BY KSHSAA
3. CONNECTS ALL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL
4. DEVELOP LIFETIME LEADERSHIP SKILLS
5. ESTABLISH AN "I GET TO" ATTITUDE FOR SERVICE
6. DISCOVER SELF POTENTIAL/DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE AT IMPRESSIONABLE AGE
7. LEADERSHIP TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
8. EXPERIENCE LESSONS & REWARDS OF TEAMWORK
9. TEACHES LEADERSHIP & SERVICE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP
10. FAMILIAR TRANSITION GOING FROM MS TO HS
11. SPONSOR GETS TO KNOW STUDENTS OUTSIDE THEIR CLASSROOM/SUBJECT MATTER
12. STUDENTS GET TO KNOW STUDENTS OUTSIDE THEIR GRADE LEVEL
13. MANY KAY CLUBS IN AREA – CHANCE TO ASSOCIATE WITH AREA STUDENTS IN A NON-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT
14. KAY PROMOTES SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS
15. PARTICIPATION CONTRIBUTES TO SCHOOL SPIRIT AND PRIDE



SEE KAY WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
<http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/KAY/Main.cfm>

## BASIC Q/A'S

### ***WE ALREADY DO SERVICE @ SCHOOL?***

- Collecting canned goods (done by many classes/sports teams)?
- KAY service projects involve opportunity for planning, organizing, time management, other logistics, execution, etc.
- More long-term/repeating of same or similar service projects

### ***HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?***

- Membership dues= \$2 per year (to KSHSAA)
- Conference fees = \$10 per member (RC), \$3 per member (UC)
- Leadership Camp = \$315 (scholarship/funding opportunities)

### ***TOO MANY CLUBS ALREADY?***

- Can all students join all clubs? What are the membership requirements?
- KAY is an open membership for all students, a place to belong for every student

### ***LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME?***

- Attendance at 1 Regional Conference in fall (8AM-2PM)
- Attendance at 1 Unit Conference in winter (8AM-11:30AM)
- Many service projects can be done at/during/after school

### ***LEADERSHIP TRAINING?***

- Attendance at Conferences
- Attendance at summer Leadership Camp
- Participation in club service projects and programs

### ***IDEAS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS?***

- KAY Handbook = excellent resource for service projects for school, community, nation, world
- Attendance at KAY Leadership Camp & Conferences provide valuable resource for exchange of ideas/service projects

### ***ASSISTANCE FOR SPONSOR?***

- Valuable information available on KAY website
- Mentoring program for new sponsors
- Statewide Sponsors Session every other year (2019)
- State Director & Area Sponsors available for assistance

# HOW TO START A KAY PROGRAM

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR STARTING A KAY PROGRAM

1. School member of Kansas State High School Activities Association.
2. Administrator approves of the KAY Club program.
3. Students in the school indicate an interest in the club program or the administration see the need and value for the program.
4. Administrator appoints a faculty member(s) to plan a meeting and invite the State Director to address interested students.

## TO ORGANIZE A KAY CLUB

1. Request a sample packet of KAY materials from the KSHSAA. KAY clubs are given 2 Handbooks of materials to assist them - one for the president and one for the sponsor(s).
2. KAY website provides a lot of information about KAY & it's activities <http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/KAY/Main.cfm>
3. Schedule a meeting for all the students and invite the KAY State Director to visit your school and explain the club program and answer questions.
4. Following the meeting, call a short session for all who are interested in organizing such a club. A nominating committee is identified. This committee shall be comprised of 2 representatives from each class and one representative at-large from the entire group. Ask all in attendance to sign the membership list.
5. The third meeting is for the purpose of electing officers. It is suggested that the ballots be prepared for the election.
6. The officers shall meet with the sponsors to select the board members. NOTE: A list of officers and board member positions is located in the KAY Handbook, Section 1 (Constitution).
7. The next meeting should follow the steps identified in GET THE YEAR IN GEAR (located in the KAY HANDBOOK) –Section 2
8. The programs and service projects a club will participate in are at the direction of the sponsor, officers and board members with input from the membership.

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