

Teen Philanthropy Initiative

Naperville Area Philanthropy & Community Service Teen Leadership Program



KidsMatter is excited to offer an amazing hand-on learning opportunity for Naperville rising juniors...the Naperville area Teen Philanthropy Initiative (TPI) Program. Participants will learn about the Three Pillars Initiative (TPI) of Philanthropy throughout the program.

This program offers students a way to engage in charitable giving, fund raising, and service projects in your community.

- 1. Charitable Giving:** Teens use the money they raise to make a real impact on their community through acts of giving.
- 2. Fundraising:** Teens engage in activities that expand their knowledge and hone their skills in donor solicitation, communications and marketing with individual donors, foundation program officers and business executives.
- 3. Service Projects:** Teens are trained to recognize and seize opportunities to proactively address felt needs and service gaps in their local community.

Following the application/interview process, **30 students will be selected to participate in the program during their junior and senior years.** The students learn about the nonprofit sector, review requests for funding from local nonprofit organizations, and make site visits to interview those organizations. Then, students decide how to divide **\$10,000+ in grant money** among those organizations. During the senior year, students learn all about fundraising and launch an 8-month fundraising campaign. Using proven techniques, students will experience a variety of ways to solicit donations which are then used to support local nonprofit organizations the following year.

The program meets 1-2 times per month on Wednesdays, September through April, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. There are 8 class sessions, plus the Capstone Ceremony for the junior program. Students also participate in volunteering and site visits outside of the scheduled meeting times. Any Naperville area high school rising junior is eligible to apply. Students must make a commitment to participate for two years - both their junior and senior years. Students have the opportunity to receive college credit from North Central College for this program. **Applications are due by Friday, May 30, 2025.**

For more information please go to <https://kidsmatter2us.org/three-pillars-initiative/#>

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