

Aurora Youth 4 Success (AY4S)

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **I missed the online application & in-person registration. Can my child still sign up?**

We have had a tremendous response to this summer's program and many of the classes are now full. The final opportunity for your child to POSSIBLY participate is to come to Overland High School on the 1st day of class **Tuesday, July 5th** between **11:30 - 12:00** to place their name on a waitlist. At 12:30, we will open the registration to students on the waitlist. For students who have already registered, they will be at the top of the waitlist. Students who sign up for the waitlist on the first day MAY have an opportunity to enroll in classes with room for more students, but **WE CANNOT GUARANTEE** that there will be ANY spots available on the first day for students who have not already registered.

2. **Where can I learn more about the Aurora Youth 4 Success program?**

Before your student applies to the program, we highly recommend that you watch these two 5 minute YouTube videos which recap our past two summer programs:

Aurora Youth 4 Success 2009 -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3akO_oF6HE&feature=player_embedded

Aurora Youth 4 Success 2010 -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUqbXPmk8OQ>

3. **Where will the Aurora Youth 4 Success Program Summer 2011 be held?**

This summer's program will be hosted by **Overland High School** located at **12400 E. Jewell Avenue** in Aurora. (South East Corner of S. Peoria St. & E. Jewell Avenue).

4. **If my student lives in Aurora but goes to school outside of Aurora, are they still eligible to apply?**

Yes.

If my student goes to High School in Aurora, but lives outside of Aurora, are they still eligible to apply?

Yes. All students who either live in Aurora or attend ANY High School in Aurora are eligible to apply. Unfortunately, because of the large number of applications, we cannot accept any student who doesn't meet the criteria of living in Aurora or attending an Aurora High School.

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5. What courses are offered?

The following courses will be offered during the Aurora Youth 4 Success Summer 2011 program. Because of the tremendous response we have had from the families in the Aurora Public School & Cherry Creek School District, we have been able to add a few additional classes. Check the Aurora Youth 4 Success website often for information about classes and new offerings.

You can check out some of the AY4S course providers below by going to their websites:

- **Art from Ashes:** Empowering youth through creative expression & personal transformation. www.artfromashes.org/
- **Automotive** (*back this year!*): Learn about auto maintenance & minor repairs.
- **Business 101:** Learn basic business and entrepreneurial skills to become better acquainted with the business world. <http://www.jacolorado.org/>
- **Cosmetology** (*new!*): Introduction to the field of cosmetology.
- **Culinary Arts:** Learn to plan, shop for and prepare healthy meals.
- **Dramatic Arts:** Course led by Aurora Fox Theater. Learn to plan, prepare & put on a dramatic play. www.aurorafox.org/
- **Engineering with Renewable Energy Exploration** - learn how wind, solar, and geothermal work to save our planet.
- **Graphic Design** (*new!*): Learn to use Adobe Photoshop to create a magazine layout featuring what the student wants to do after high school graduation and in 10 years.
- **KidsTek:** Learn to apply computer skills and develop job-hunting skills. If resources area available, the student will receive a refurbished computer at the completion of the course based on 100% attendance. www.kidstek.org/
- **Visual Arts** (*new!*): Making Art That Walks and Talks: design a word to live by and a shoe to take you to your future!

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In addition, students will receive 2 bonus courses on the programs two Mondays:

2nd MONDAY, July 11th 10:00AM-3:30PM:

Students 15 years old or older will take the **Alive at 25** driver's safety course and students under 15 or who have already completed Alive at 25 will participate in an Enrichment Day of career exploration. <http://aliveat25.us/>

3rd MONDAY, July 18th 10:00AM-3:30PM:

For all students, **Operation HOPE Banking on Our Future**, a Financial Education course, as a part of their program. <http://www.operationhope.org/smdev/>

*NOTE: These **required bonus courses** will take place on Monday, July 11th & Monday, July 18th from 10:00AM-3:30PM.*

6. How do I apply & register for the program?

NOTE: All courses will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

There WERE several ways to register for the 2011 Aurora Youth 4 Success:

1. To secure the highest place in line, students had to fill out an online application **by Friday, June 24th**.

OR

2. Students had to register in person on either June 27 & 28 – 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Overland High School (east entrance hall).

OR

3. Students may come to Overland HS between **11:30AM – 12:00PM** on the first day of class, Tuesday, July 5th, ***but we cannot guarantee that there will be any classes or preferred classes still available.***

7. What is the fee & how do I pay?

The fee for the program is **\$30**. It includes registration in one course, both bonus courses: Alive at 25 & Operation Hope courses, and a free "Lunch & Learn" each day. A variety of lunchtime presentations about career & professional opportunities will be shared with all students.

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We accept checks and cash for payment. Checks can be made out to **Aurora Youth 4 Success**. We apologize, but we do not accept credit or debit cards.

8. How do I apply for a scholarship?

Send an email to: info@AuroraYouth4Success.org. Put in the subject line: **AY4S Scholarship Request**. Type a brief message explaining your need for a scholarship.

9. What is the schedule for each day?

- We begin on Tuesday, July 5th. Final registration is from **11:30AM-12:00 PM**.
- Check in for students ALREADY REGISTERED is from 11:30AM-12:20PM.
- Lunch will be provided. Welcome & Orientation are from 12:50-1:00PM.
- **“Lunch & Learn”** will be provided every day from 12:00-12:50PM. Although the lunch is optional, we highly recommend that students attend. Various professionals will be sharing their insights and advice about their chosen profession.
- Tuesday thru Friday – classes will begin **promptly** at 1:00PM and end at 3:00PM. Please do not drop off or pick up your student late.
- Both Monday required bonus classes will begin at 10:00AM – 3:30PM
- Friday, July 22nd will be our finale to the program. The details of our “Culmination & Celebration” will be provided after the program begins.

10. My student will need to miss one or more days. Can they still participate in the program?

No. Unfortunately, because of the high demand for the program and the expectation of 100% participation, we cannot accept anyone who knows they will miss one or more days.

11. Why is 100% perfect attendance to the main course & bonus courses so important?

We might not be able to place every student who applies into a class. Without a 100% commitment to attend, students are taking away a spot from someone who can. Additionally, because of the 3 week time frame, lessons are planned to build on each other & lead up to a final project or presentation that will be shared at the final **“Culmination & Celebration”** event on the final day, Friday July 22nd. Missed classes or late arrival is a burden to the instructor and disruptive to other students. More details will be sent home with students about the **“Culmination & Celebration”** event once class starts.

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NOTE: Additionally, students with 100% perfect attendance may be entered into a drawing on the last day. We will have several nice prizes, including a FREE refurbished DESKTOP computer!

12. I left a message and/or sent an email and I haven't heard back. How do I know you got my message and/or email?

We are pleased to report that we have had a tremendous response to our program! As an all-volunteer AY4S program committee, we are doing our best to respond to inquiries. Although we have a system in place to capture all email and voice messages, we ask for your patience & persistence. We will respond as soon as we are able to all communications in the order they are received. For the quickest answers to the most common inquiries, we ask that you please read the **Frequently Asked Questions** and visit our webpage frequently for updates: www.AuroraYouth4Success.org.

If you absolutely require an urgent response, please send us an email to: SiteDirector@AuroraYouth4Success.org AND call **303-351-2588**. In your email, please type in the subject line "**URGENT: (a description of your issue)**"

13. How will I know if got into a class?

You will be notified via email if your student was assigned to an Aurora Youth 4 Success course **no later than 5:00PM on Sunday, July 3rd**. Check your email frequently as spots may open up and new courses may be added. If you do not have email, please attend the on-site registration the first day of class, **Tuesday, July 5th from 11:30AM – 12:30PM** at Overland High School.

PLEASE NOTE: The CHECK-IN time for the first day of the program is from 11:30AM – 12:30PM. It is very important that your student be at Overland High School NO LATER than 12:30PM on Tuesday, July 5th or their spot in the confirmed class may go to the next person on the waiting list and your student will be reassigned to another class. PLEASE RE-READ THIS NOTE as there will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please note: classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Spots in a course may become available if an assigned student fails to bring in their signed paperwork. Again, we cannot guarantee that there will be any classes or preferred classes still available on the first day of class.

14. Who do I contact if my student will be late or absent or I have any questions?

If your student will be late or absent or if you have any questions about the program, please contact:

Dianne Primavera, Program Site Director

Phone: 303-351-2588

Email: SiteDirector@AuroraYouth4Success.org

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15. Who has donated to make the Aurora Youth 4 Success Program possible?

Many individuals, organizations and businesses have generously contributed to the Aurora Youth 4 Success Program. We would especially like to recognize the following contributors:

- **Aurora Schools Federal Credit Union**
- **Aurora Public Schools Foundation**(aurorak12.org/)
- **Aurora Rotary Club**
- **Cherry Creek School District** (www.ccsd.k12.co.us/)
- **CHRISTIAN B ANSCHUTZ FOUNDATION**
- **College in Colorado**
- **Colorado Kids 1st** (www.ColoradoKids1st.org)
- **Kohl's**
- **Merrick**
- **Pickens Technical College**
- **Royal Printing Solutions** (www.royalprintingsolutions.com)
- **Rocky Mountain Research & Prevention Institute** (www.RMRPI.org)
- **St. Mark's Foundation**
- **Wells Fargo**

16. Who is the fiscal sponsor for the Aurora Youth 4 Success Program?

The Rocky Mountain Research & Prevention Institute (RMRPI), a 501(c)(3) non profit, is the proud fiscal sponsor for the Aurora Youth 4 Success Program at no cost to the program. RMRPI's mission is to keep people healthy & safe in the Rocky Mountain region. Our Colorado Kids 1st license plate program provides funding for student's health & safety programs all over Colorado. For more information or to obtain your Colorado Kids 1st license plate, go to: www.ColoradoKids1st.org and click on "Order a Plate."