

Student Ambassador Training

MACAE is proud to announce we are offering a **Student Ambassador (SA) Training** program. Student voice and public advocacy and awareness is critical to the survival of adult education. The six-hour Ambassador training program is an intensive leadership initiative that supports adult learners in developing their skills to represent adult basic education and literacy in the larger community.

Students will be prepared to be Adult Education Ambassadors in Michigan by participating the leadership training and by leading meetings with school district officials, community members, local legislators, state and congressional representatives. Ambassadors develop skills to do the following: share their stories to educate the community about the importance of adult education; develop relationships with elected officials and community leaders; serve in a leadership and decision –making roles both within and outside of the school; serve as members of an active student and alumni network.

The four components of the training include - Awareness (about the role of adult education), Stories (a tool for affecting change), Public speaking (focus on the message and delivery), and Meeting with officials (planning and facilitating an effective meeting). At the end of the training students will take all the information learned and participate in an actual advocacy meeting with a person in power to practice skills that they learned in the training. Each participant who completes the training will receive a certificate. We are looking for at least one program from each region to participate in this initial MACAE training.

This opportunity will help MACAE and your program promote awareness of programing goals and educate your community on the importance and value adult education brings to your community. Building a stronger community leads to a larger skilled workforce for Michigan. The information below will help you identify who should attend this training.

Target Population

- Program Directors/Administrators, Coordinators, Program Advocates
- Adult Education Students in HSC, ESL HSE or GED programs
- Student must be accompanied by program staff

Student Criteria

1. Students who have a compelling story that exemplifies why programs are needed
2. Students who are willing to tell their story in front of other
3. Students who are willing to participate in local and state advocacy events for MACAE and their program

What to Bring to Training

1. Laptop
2. Notebook for writing

Training Information

Date: Friday, January 25, 2018

Time: 9:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

Location: MACAE Offices, 826 Municipal Way MI 48917

Max Participants: 30

Cost

\$45/ person (scholarships through your Region)