



## **ACTION: Active Civics To Inspire Our Nation**

**Calling all Northern Virginia high school students!  
Do you want to share your voice and make a change?**

Apply for the Fall 2015 class of ACTION: Active Civics To Inspire Our Nation. This program, part of Morven Park's Center for Civic Impact, teaches young leaders the skills they need to be change-makers.

ACTION students address current problems in their community or state, by creating and advancing their own proposals for public policy. Throughout the program, students learn and practice important leadership skills including issue investigation, civil deliberation, persuasive writing, and public speaking. Students leave the program empowered and prepared to make a difference.

ACTION takes place over two semesters. In Semester One students attend ten sessions at Morven Park to develop their policy proposals (dates listed below). During Semester Two, students work at their own pace to make their ideas a reality, with guidance from Morven Park's civics education team.

**Apply today and make a real impact as a civic leader!  
Applications for the ACTION Fall 2015 class are due by September 10, 2015 at 5:00pm.**

Send completed applications to:  
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# ACTION: ACTIVE CIVICS TO INSPIRE OUR NATION

## REQUIREMENTS

### Participants must:

Be a high school student

Be able to attend most of the Semester One sessions at Morven Park

Complete and submit the ACTION program application by September 10, 2015

Participant selections will be announced September 14, 2015.

## SCHEDULE

### Semester One –Policy Proposal Development

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In the first semester, students meet weekly for ten weeks to develop a policy proposal addressing an issue of their choosing. Each session focuses on a different leadership or problem solving topics critical to the development of an effective policy proposal.

<b>Session #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	September 16	Civic Responsibility
2	September 23	Citizen Identity
3	September 30	Community Concerns
4	October 7	Investigative Research Part 1
5	October 14	Investigative Research Part 2
6	October 21	Underlying Causes
7	October 28	Big Ideas and Real Solutions
8	November 4	Building the Policy Proposal
9	November 11	Policy Feedback and Revision
10	November 18	Take ACTION

*All sessions run from 6:30pm until 8:00pm at Morven Park's Coach House.*

### Semester Two – Real World Civic Impact

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In the Semester Two students are challenged to take their leadership and problem solving skills in to the real world by moving their policy proposals forward through local government or community level implementation.



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## Fall 2015 Application

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

What current issues are you most interested in?

Why do you want to participate in ACTION?

### Sessions:

Yes, I will be at all ten sessions.

No, I will not be able to be at every session. Circle the dates that you will miss:

September 16

October 7

November 4

September 23

October 14

November 11

September 30

October 21

November 18

October 28

Student signature & date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature & date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian printed name: \_\_\_\_\_