


The board of directors is interested in starting a youth turning program. There are many unanswered questions to answer and coordination that must be done before a serious attempt at starting a program is undertaken. The first step in our investigation is to canvas the club members to determine interest. The basic concept for the program is for AAW members of the club to teach the basic skills required for a youth to complete the AAW youth program (see <http://www.woodturner.org/community/youth/>). Each youth will have to be sponsored by an AAW club member (for insurance reasons) who will assist an AAW member principle instructor during each meeting. Please contact Matt Lewis at board1@tidewaterturners.net or 277-9226 if you have an interested child 8-17 years of age and would like to participate. Further details to follow as the program develops.



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SAFETY FIRST...

Begin every class with a safety lesson. Provide face shields. Be especially attentive to long hair, cords, jewelry and long sleeves. Refer to: <http://woodturner.org/resources/safety.cfm>

Welcome to the Young Turners Program – designed to encourage and aid local AAW chapters working with youth. We want to see the development of youth programs, giving back to communities in which our chapters reside. Motivations to participate may include supplementing scholastic educations, aiding development of well-rounded individuals, or simply the enjoyment of sharing with others. Whatever the reasoning, just remember: HAVE FUN!

The Young Turners Program is implemented in two phases. *Phase One* involves either turning two tops or a honey dipper. At the end of this turning session, the young turners will receive their [Woodturning Student completion certificate](#). Each chapter will invite the young turners to subsequent youth chapter events for *Phase Two*. To complete this phase, the young turners are required to turn four projects from a larger list. At the completion of *Phase Two*, the young turner receives their [Woodturning Journeyman completion certificate](#) along with a complimentary one year [AAW membership](#).

Each chapter might also consider sponsoring their local membership and possibly their AAW membership outside of *Phase Two* awards.

The AAW Young Turners Program is web-based, allowing each chapter to access and print required materials as needed. Project outlines, certificates, and the Phase Two membership application are available in PDF format for download and printing. Chapters should be familiar with each project, using the outlines provided as guidelines and teaching aids.

Read the winter 2006 issue of *American Woodturner* for excellent examples of chapter youth programs. Whether you work with a local school, scout troop, or have a public event, have fun with the kids. We want to here about your chapter program. [Send us an email](#) with summaries, completed project photos and group photos for possible inclusion in *American Woodturner*.

[Click here to read the Young Turners Program kick-off article](#) published in the Summer 2007 *American Woodturner* Journal.

Related Materials...

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Phase One Documents...

- [Honey Dipper project](#)
- [Spin Top project](#)
- [Completion Certificate](#)

Phase Two Documents...

- [Key Chain project](#)
- [Slim Line Pen project](#)
- [Egg Cup project](#)
- [Bottle Stopper project](#)
- [Bird House Ornament project](#)
- [Lidded Box project](#)
- [Gavel project](#)
- [Morse Taper project](#)
- [Napkin Ring project](#)
- [Weed Pot project](#)
- [Natural Edged Bowl project](#)
- [Open Bowl project](#)
- [Goblet project](#)
- [Plate/Platter project](#)
- [Sphere project](#)
- [Completion Certificate](#)

Completion Document...

Local Chapter to complete this form and mail it to AAW for membership processing:

- [Memership form](#) (doc)
- [Membership form](#) (pdf)