



Youth Leadership York Application for Program Participation

ELIGIBILITY:

-Students who are Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are eligible for the program. You must attend a York County high school (York, McCool Junction, Heartland, Nebraska Lutheran, Home school, or The Enrichment Center). Students that reside in York County and attend school out of county will be considered based on number of applicants.

REQUIREMENTS:

-Students must submit an application by August 1, 2011 if they wish to participate in the program which begins in September 2011 and ends in June 2012.

-Sessions (5 total) will be held on a Wednesday during school hours, during the months of September, November, January, March and May. Attendance is required. One excused absence is allowed if notified in advance. Additional absences will result in the student being ineligible for graduation. If there are extenuating circumstances, reconsideration may be allowed. The decision of YLY committee will be final.

-Attendance is required at the initial Parent/Student Orientation to be held in late August or early September 2011 in the evening. Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with other school functions.

-Student must commit to full participation in the program including required service projects as designated by the program committee, which may include helping local organizations.

-Student must have a desire to develop and utilize leadership skills.

-A Group Community Project is a required part of the class. More information on this will be given at the Parent/Student Orientation. Release forms will be available for parent/guardian signatures at the Parent/Student Orientation meeting.

APPLICATION:

-Applications may be downloaded in pdf format from our website at www.youthleadershipyork.org or can be requested from any committee member. Completed applications must be postmarked by August 1, 2011 and should be mailed to P.O. Box 421 in York, NE 68467.

-Student must obtain one written letter of recommendation from an adult, non-related acquaintance and include the letter with his/her application.

-Applications will be reviewed by the Youth Leadership York committee, and all applicants will be notified in writing no later than August 12, 2011.

PROGRAM FUNDING AND FEES:

-\$25 fee per student must be paid at the Parent/Student Orientation. Financial assistance may be available if needed *but will include additional requirements*.

Check here _____ if you wish consideration for financial assistance.

The Youth Leadership York program is sponsored in part by United Way, and other area organizations and businesses.

For further information, please contact any committee member.

Applications will be reviewed in confidence

Name _____

Name you prefer to be called _____ Home phone _____

Cell phone _____ Parent/emergency phone _____

School _____ Grade in school _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Other Schools Attended _____

Applicant Commitment

I understand the purposes and requirements of the Youth Leadership York program. If I am selected, I will devote my time and resources to successfully complete the program. I understand I am allowed only one excused (notified ahead of time) absence from the Sessions. If I miss more than one session I may not be eligible for graduation or any refund of my \$25 fee. In signing this application, I understand these commitments and agree to honor them to the best of my ability.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

The Youth Leadership York committee believes that each participant has the potential to be a decision-maker. Youth Leadership York is designed to assist participants in developing their leadership skills and in expanding their awareness of the social, economic, and political challenges facing our communities.

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1. Please explain what you hope to gain by participating in Youth Leadership York.

2. What do you think are the three most significant problems facing the youth community? (Please be specific and briefly explain your suggested solutions.)

3. How do you believe youth can contribute to the betterment of their communities?

4. What are your long-term goals? What do you think you will be doing in ten years?

5. List any hobbies or special interests that you have.

Work Experience

List any part-time job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what it involved.

Do you currently have a job? _____ How many hours per week? _____

Would your job interfere with your participation in Youth Leadership York?

If you have received awards, honors, or recognition for academic, school, or community-related activities from the 7th grade to the present, list up to three here.

What is your main area of interest in studies? _____

Organizations and Activities

Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities or organizations in which you have participated from the 7th grade to the present.

Organization/Activity	Grade	Leadership Responsibility/Involvement
1. _____ _____	_____	
2. _____ _____	_____	
3. _____ _____	_____	
4. _____ _____	_____	
5. _____ _____	_____	

Please list the name of one person whom you have asked to be a reference for you. This can be a teacher, counselor, scout leader, church leader, or any other adult who knows you well, other than a parent or relative. One letter of recommendation is required for participation.

Name of Reference: _____

Position/Title: _____ Phone: _____

Principal's Agreement:

I support this student's application to Youth Leadership York and understand the attendance requirements of the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____