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Dear 2011 Global Teens Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the YMCA Global Teens Program!!

You are about to embark on the ***journey of a lifetime***. As someone once said, "*The world is but a book... and those who do not travel read only one page.*"

YMCA Global Teens is a unique international exchange program which has provided over 900 teenagers a chance for global adventure since 1996. Participants are able to meet others their age, contribute to a meaningful service project, and gain a better understanding of what it means to be a '***global citizen***' in our rapidly evolving world.

We aim to ***inspire*** and ***empower young activists***, impassioned to ***make a difference*** in your local, national and international communities.

We invite you to look over the attached materials and consider if you are interested in applying. Please note that as space is limited, applicants are encouraged to submit materials as soon as possible!!

2011 Application Deadline: WED, November 17, 2010 @ 5:00 pm

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, stop by your local YMCA branch, or give us an email or call. We'd love to hear from you!!

You can send your complete application to us in the following ways:

Mail:

International YMCA
Attn: Global Teens
5 West 63rd Street—2nd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10023

Fax:

212-724-2344
Attn: Global Teens/John

Email: cruzj@ymcanyc.org OR chiu@ymcanyc.org

You may also DELIVER in person to the address listed above (MON – FRI, 10am – 5pm)

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Program Details:

- Global Teens Trips will be 10 days to 2 ½ weeks in duration
- Each trip will be led by two trained youth development professionals.
- Trips will take place during the months of June, July, and possibly August 2010
- Training activities will begin in January 2011 and wrap-up in December 2011
- Teens will be dismissed from the airport upon return from their trip. A parent/legal guardian or their designee is required to meet teens at the airport upon arrival.
- Program fee will vary by trip and may **range from \$2,500 to \$4,000** (some financial assistance and help with fundraising will be available).
- Exact trip dates and destinations will be published by the end of 2010.
- Teens must be ages 14-18 by June 1st, 2011 to be eligible for the overseas program and **ages 12-14** for the domestic (US based) program.

Interviews:

- Global Teens Group Interviews will be conducted during **Nov/December 2010:**
 - Tuesday, November 30, 2010 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Wednesday, December 1, 2010 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Saturday, December 4, 2010 (12noon-2:00 p.m.)
 - Tuesday, December 7, 2010 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Wednesday, December 8, 2010 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Thursday, December 9, 2010 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Tuesday, December 14, 2010 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Applicants will be assigned to an interview day. If you are unable to make your assigned day, you will be asked to pick from one of the other days listed above.
- Applicants will be informed whether or not they have been accepted into the program via email on or before **Monday, December 20, 2010**

Orientations:

*****Accepted Participants Must Attend an Orientation With a Parent or Legal Guardian. No Teen Will Be Admitted to an Orientation Session Without a Parent or Legal Guardian**

- Once accepted, a legal parent/guardian **AND** the Global Teen participant **MUST** attend ONE of three **Global Teens Orientations** (West Side YMCA) listed below:
 - **Tuesday, January 11, 2011 (6:00pm –8:00pm)**
 - **Saturday, January 15, 2011 (12:00 noon – 2:00 pm)**
 - **Tuesday, January 18, 2011 (6:00pm –8:00pm)**
- Friday, January 21, 2011 (6-9pm) at the West Side YMCA
 - **Teen "Kick-Off" Event/Training (TEENS ONLY)**
 - All teen participants MUST attend

Deadlines:

- To be considered for the summer 2010 program, **complete applications** (including the following) must be received **by Wednesday, November 17, 2010.**
 - **Complete Participant Application Packet**
 - Notarized Participant/Parent/Conduct Agreement
 - At least one letter of recommendation (from a non-family member)
 - **Health History/Physical Exam Forms** (*due by Friday, February 25th, 2011*) with Physician certification and immunization record.
- **\$350 (non-refundable) deposit must be received by Friday, January 21, 2011 to secure/reserve your space in the YMCA Global Teens program.**
- Payment plans are available. Please inquire further with Director/Asst. Director.
- **Limited financial assistance is available.**
 - Deadline for all financial assistance applications for Summer 2011 is **Friday, February 25, 2011.** No exceptions will be made.
 - Please contact **Emily Johnson (Manager of Fund Development)** at ejohnson@ymcanyc.org or **1-888-477-9622 ext. 4327** for information on requirements and to apply.
- **1st Half of Payment** is due by **Friday March 18, 2011.**
- **Final payment** for all YMCA Global Teens summer 2010 participants must be received on or before **Friday, May 6, 2011.**
- **NO REFUNDS will be issued for teens who withdraw from the program on or after May 6, 2011.** This will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Director/Assistant Director.

Participant Selection Criteria:

- Participants will be selected to participate in the Global Teens based on:
 - Complete Application Packet received on-time
 - Letters of reference (at least one received from valid reference)
 - Interaction/Conduct in group interviews/during application process
 - Past volunteer/service experiences
 - Past leadership experience/demonstrated leadership potential/ability
 - Demonstrated emotional maturity & judgment
 - Interactions and communication with Global Teens staff/responsibility shown during application process, orientations and interviews.
 - Ability to work as a member of a team. Conduct in one-on-one interviews if applicable.
 - Past YMCA program involvement (Leaders Club, TTTC, Youth in Government, etc.)
 - Recommendation from "home" YMCA Branch staff (if applicable)
 - "Back Home Plan" teens have once they return from their Global Teens experience



YMCA Global Teens 2011 Participant Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in Global Teens!! Prepare for the experience of a lifetime... read through in detail, please!

To participate in Global Teens, you must be between the ages of 14 and 18 by June 1st, 2011 (for overseas program) and ages 12 to 14 (for domestic US program). Your application to become a part of the YMCA's Global Teens Program is your opportunity to demonstrate your maturity, responsibility, and appropriate motivation to fully participate in a service-learning and cultural immersion program such as Global Teens. The neatness, wording, general presentation of your application and supporting materials play an important role in showing us that you will be an asset to the Global Teens Program. There are 5 sections of the Global Teens application and they must all be completed and returned together:

- **Part A-Participant Application**
- **Part B-Health History Form**
- **Part C-Notorized Code of Conduct Agreement**
- **Part D-Reference Form**
- **Part E-Clear Photocopy of Passport (SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION)**

Incomplete or messy applications will not be accepted or reviewed. Please make sure the information you provide is correct. Applications should be ideally be typed or printed in very neat and legible hand writing. If we cannot read it, we will not be able to process your application.

Personal Information: Please fill in your full name, gender, date of birth & age EXACTLY as they appear on your passport. The information you provide will appear on your documents and if you are selected, they will appear on your plane ticket.

Contact Information: Please use an address, telephone number *and e-mail* address that is current, Global Teens Staff will be contacting you from November 2010 through December 2011. **If your address, telephone numbers or email addresses change, please inform the Global Teens office immediately. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to be sure we are able to contact you.** *Email is the primary way we will communicate with you throughout this process, so be sure to check your messages frequently.*

Destination: Teens should be open to traveling to any of the destinations to which YMCA Global Teens travels. The more options you are open to, the greater your chances are for placement. A placement in your first choice destination is not guaranteed, however, we will try to be as accommodating as possible.

Cultural Exchange: List any experiences you have had with cultural exchange and/or how you will share your culture with others while you are abroad. Additionally, discuss how you might bring elements of your 'host culture' home with you upon your return.

Leadership: Use this section to tell us about the leadership/volunteer positions you have held and plans you have for the future.

Education: List your school, school borough, after high-school plans and anticipated graduation date.

Personal Attributes / Personal Values / Personal Background: This section gives you a chance to talk about yourself and your values/beliefs. Please answer every question. This is your opportunity to let your passion, knowledge and desire for this experience 'shine' through. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

References: All Global Teens applicants must submit at least one reference. We will only accept references from teachers, coaches, tutors, employers, spiritual advisors, or community leaders. References from family members, relatives or friends are not acceptable.

Health Record/Examination Forms: Please have your licensed family physician complete this portion of the application. Please indicate physical/mental illnesses or conditions, which may affect your participation including any allergies or special dietary needs. Legal parent/guardians are also required to sign this document to provide consent for emergency treatment during travel.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your local YMCA branch Youth & Family Director, or our staff team.

Yours in Service,

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**YMCA Global Teens 2011
Participant Application**

Teen Participant Information:

First Name: (as it appears on passport)

Middle Name: (as it appears on passport)

Last Name(s): (as it appears on passport)

Male: **Female:**

Date of Birth: (Month / Day / Year) / /

Age on June 1st, 2010:

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No **Passport Number:** _____ **Exp. Date** _____

Issuing Country of Passport: _____ **Date of Issue:** _____

***** **If you have a valid passport, you MUST submit the passport number at this time, if not... APPLY NOW!!!*******

Grade (2009-2010 School Year):

Social Security Number: - -

Ethnicity: African American Native American Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian Other

Total Annual Family Income: (for Financial Aid purposes only) Under \$5,000 \$5,001-\$14,999 \$15,000-\$24,999

\$25,000-\$39,999 \$40,000-\$54,999 \$55,000-\$74,999 \$75,000-\$100,000 Over \$100,000

Contact Information:

Permanent Address (this is the address to which all materials will be mailed):

Street:

City:

State / County:

Postal Code:

Country:

TEEN's EMAIL:

NOTE: Email is the primary means of communication throughout the YMCA Global Teens Program. Be sure you check the email address you provide to us frequently. Teens will be the point of contact for all program communication. Parent/Guardians will be copied upon request. If you do not have regular internet access, please be sure to let us know, and we will work to accommodate you.

Teen's Mobile Telephone: (Area Code / Number) () -

Teen's Home Telephone: (Area Code / Number) () -

Mother's/Guardian's Name _____ Mother's Home Telephone () _____

Mother's Cell Phone () _____ Mother's Email Address: _____

Father's/Guardian's Name _____ Father's Home Telephone () _____

Father's Cell Phone () _____ Father's Email Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION-(Please list at least TWO emergency contacts OTHER THAN your parent(s) or legal guardians). These people will be called in order after your parent/guardians should in emergency situations.

1st Emergency Contact Name: **Relationship:**

1st Emergency Contact Phone Number:

2nd Emergency Contact Name: **Relationship:**

2nd Emergency Contact Phone Number:

3rd Emergency Contact Name: **Relationship:**

3rd Emergency Contact Phone Number:

Trip Region Preference:

***Trip Preference:** (Check your preferred area of travel) Please note, there are no guarantees – this is only a preference.

- Africa Asia Europe
- US (12-14 year olds) Central America/Caribbean South America

*** YOU ARE NOT GAURANTEED YOUR TRIP REGION PREFERENCE AND ALL REGIONS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR TRAVEL YEAR.**

Tentative Destinations for 2011: Mexico, Senegal, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Colombia, Peru, Italy, Germany, India

Cultural Exchange:

Have you previously traveled outside the U.S? YES NO

If yes, where have you traveled?: _____

Purpose of these trip(s)?: _____

Are you a returning Global Teens participant? YES NO **Have you received Financial Assistance before?:** YES NO

If yes, what year(s) ? _____ Trip Destination (s) : _____

Why are you applying to participate in YMCA Global Teens 2011?

How will you share your own culture with the your 'host' community while on your YMCA Global Teens trip?

What do you hope to gain from your YMCA Global Teens experience?

Education:

What school do you currently attend? _____

In which borough is your school located? Bronx Brooklyn Manhattan Staten Island Queens

What are your plans after high school? Attend College Work Full-Time Enlist in the Armed Forces I don't know

What is your anticipated date of graduation? (Month/Year) _____

What do you want to be when you 'grow up' and why?

Personal Attributes:

What are your strongest personal qualities? Why?

What personal quality(s) would you like to improve and why?

Do you prefer to work alone or in a team? Explain:

How do you react under pressure? In unfamiliar surroundings and situations?

Personal Values:

As a participant of a YMCA program, regardless of your destination, you will be a role model to everyone with whom you have contact. As such, you are expected to model positive values, such as the YMCA's Four Core Values; Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. Briefly describe your own personal values and how you will model them while abroad.

Leadership:

What leadership / volunteer positions have you held? What did you gain from those experiences?

Are you a member of the YMCA? YES NO YMCA Branch/Site Name: _____

Name of the Y Staff with whom you work closest with: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ # Years Known: _____

Are you a member of a youth organization or program? YES NO Youth Organization Name: _____

How did you hear about Global Teens?

I am a Global Teens Alumni A Friend School I saw a Global Teens Presentation at: _____

Internet/Website Facebook Youtube Other: _____

Personal Commitment:

I will demonstrate the YMCA Core Values of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility. I agree to abide by the expectations outlined in the Notarized Code of Conduct/Participant Agreement and the YMCA Global Teens Participant Handbook. I wish to be considered as a participant for YMCA Global Teens 2011.

Applicant Signature: **Date:**

I authorize my child to participate in the International YMCA Global Teens Program application process. I understand that submitting an application does not guarantee participation, and that we will be notified upon acceptance into the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: **Date:**

Applications may be submitted via: **incomplete or messy applications will not be processed**

Mail: International YMCA, Global Teens
5 W. 63rd St. 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10023

Delivery: YMCA Global Teens Office (address listed above)
2nd Floor of West Side YMCA (West 63rd between Broadway & Central Park West)
Monday through Friday (10:00 am to 5:00 pm) except holidays

Fax: (212) 724-2344 (attn: Global Teens)

Electronically: cruzj@ymcanyc.org or chiu@ymcanyc.org
(PDF format ONLY, complete application scanned as one document no larger than 300KB in size)

**You will receive confirmation via email upon receipt of your complete application.
Incomplete applications will not be acknowledged.**



****All 2011 Applications are due by WED, November 17, 2010 at 5:00 pm**

*****Please Note: In addition to the completed health history/examination forms and the submission of prescription medications that your child may be taking, parent/guardians are required to disclose, in writing, any mental health, behavioral, emotional or physical conditions that may impact your child's participation in Global Teens. Failure to do so may result in your child being dismissed from the program or sent home early at your expense. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our staff team.**

YMCA Participant Health Record

PART B (page 1)

BOTH PAGES MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED & SUBMITTED TOGETHER. DUE FEBRUARY 25, 2011.

Participant's Name: _____ DOB: _____ SEX: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

HEALTH HISTORY (give approximate dates)

Ear Infection _____ Hay Fever _____ Chicken Pox _____
Rheumatic Fever _____ Poison Ivy _____ Measles _____
Convulsion _____ Insect Stings _____ German Measles _____
Diabetes _____ Mumps _____ Asthma _____

PAST ILLNESSES/OPERATIONS: _____

FOOD & OTHER ALLERGIES: _____

CHRONIC OR REOCCURRING ILLNESSES: _____

BEHAVIOR ISSUES: _____

ACTIVITIES TO BE ENCOURAGED: _____

ACTIVITIES TO BE RESTRICTED: _____

CURRENT CONDITIONS

MEDICATION TAKEN: _____

APPLIANCES WORN OR NEEDED (EX. GLASSES, BRACES): _____

CONDITIONS WHICH MODIFY ACTIVITY: _____

IMMUNIZATION HISTORY

This is a record of the dates of the basic immunization and most recent booster doses

	DATE	DATE	DATE
DPaT or DTP or TD or Td			
Polio			
MMR			
Hepatitis B			
Varicella			
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)			
TB/PPD Screen			
OPV / IPV			
PPD / Mantoux			
Other			

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDIAL TREATMENT

I do hereby give authority to the YMCA to obtain necessary emergency medical treatment for me, or if under 18 for my child with the understating that the family physician will be notified as soon as possible.

Relationship to Teen: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

YMCA Participant Examination Form **PART B** (page 2)

This form must be completed by the participant's Medical Provider.

It is acceptable to submit a similar form from your Doctor's office or school – but the examination must occur within 6 months of travel and contain all information requested in this document.

Participant Name: _____

DATE OF EXAM: _____ FACILITY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ COMPLETED BY: _____

Codes for using this form : S = Satisfactory, X= Not Satisfactory (explain), O= Not Examined

GENERAL APPEARANCE: _____

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ BLOOD PRESSURE _____

URINANALYSIS _____ HGB. TEST _____ POSTURE/SPINE _____

EYES _____ VISIONS _____ GLASSES _____

EARS _____ HEARING _____ THROAT/TONSILS _____

HEART _____ LUNGS _____ EXTREMITIES _____

FEET _____ SKIN _____ NOSE _____

TEETH _____ ABDOMEN _____ HERNIA _____

ALLERGIES _____

NEUROLOGICAL FINDINGS _____

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS WHILE IN CAMP

SPECIAL DIET _____

SPECIAL MEDICINE _____

SWIMMING _____

STRENUOUS ACTIVITY _____

OTHER NOTES _____

I have examined the individual mentioned, reviewed his/her health history and it is my opinion that he/she is physically able to work in a YMCA program interacting with youth and teenagers, after school and other Youth Center activities, except as noted above.

Examining Physicians Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hospital: _____ Phone: _____



2011 YMCA Global Teens
Notarized Code of Conduct/Participant Agreement
(Both the legal parent/guardian AND Teen must sign)

NAME OF TEEN PARTICIPANT: _____ DATE: _____

As the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of a Global Teens participant, you are required to read, sign and notarize this document. This notarized code of conduct agreement was developed to insure that you understand the rules, policies and expectations that your child must abide by as a Global Teens participant. Teens must acknowledge their awareness of the expectations placed upon them as YMCA Global Teens. *Teens and Parents should review this contract in detail together. This contract must be signed by both parties in the presence of a notary public to be valid/accepted.*

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the **YMCA Global Teens** Program for 2011, and all associated training, social and service activities, offered by the International Branch of the YMCA of Greater New York, which includes service-oriented travel either domestically or internationally.

I understand that in signing this application, I certify that my child is healthy and free of any physical, mental or emotional conditions that could cause any problems for him/her or other participants. By signing and notarizing this agreement, I acknowledge that all information regarding the physical, mental and emotional health of my child has been reported by a licensed physician and is accurate and complete.

I agree that I or another legal parent/guardian AND my child must attend an orientation session in order for him/her to participate in the YMCA Global Teens program. Further, I agree to remain an engaged entity throughout the Global Teens program.

I agree that if my child is accepted, he/she must attend the full period of the program unless dismissed by the trip leaders for misconduct or any other reason deemed necessary by the program leadership. I understand that I am responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of my child being dismissed from the program for behavioral issues of any kind.

I understand that the \$350 deposit is non-refundable. I understand that there will be no refund of any deposit costs regardless of when my child withdraws from the program or the reason(s) for withdrawal.

I understand that I am legally responsible for all stated program fees associated with the YMCA Global Teens program in accordance with the payment schedule listed in the application packet.

I agree that if my child ***withdraws from the program on or after May 6, 2011, no refunds will be issued***, and I will be responsible for payment of the total program costs. This fee is payable to International YMCA. Furthermore, if my child withdraws after his/her airline ticket has been purchased, I shall be responsible for the cost of the airline ticket.

I agree that I will be fully responsible for any fees associated with name changes derived from my not providing YMCA Global Teens staff with the legible, correct spelling of my child's full name prior to January 21st, 2011.

I agree that it is the sole responsibility of myself and my family to ensure that all necessary entrance/exit documentations and visas are obtained prior to May 6th, 2011 to legally enable my child to travel abroad (and return) with YMCA Global Teens.

I agree to inform International YMCA if my child is required to attend summer school before March 18, 2010. If my child is not able to participate in Global Teens due to summer school requirements and I notify the Global Teens program after March 18, 2010, I agree to be responsible for payment of the total program costs.

I also grant permission to the YMCA to use the name of my teen, to take and publish photographs/videos of him/her in any media for any legitimate purpose. I release all rights to such photographs. I acknowledge that the YMCA will be the sole owner of all rights arising out of their use for any legitimate purpose. I understand that I shall receive no compensation from their use from any source whatsoever.

In the event of injury or illness, I wish my child to be seen by licensed medical staff and accept that I will be notified as soon as reasonably possible by YMCA Global Teens staff. I authorize the YMCA, group leaders and their agents to arrange for urgent or emergency treatment considered necessary by a medical authority in the host country at the nearest appropriate medical facility.

I fully understand that even after reasonable precautions have been taken, some activities such as excursions, travel, community service, etc. may involve hazards for which the International Branch of the YMCA of Greater New York cannot be held responsible.

I agree to indemnify the International Branch of the YMCA of Greater New York and its agents/representatives harmless from any and all claims which may be brought against them by me or on my child's behalf, for any injuries or death resulting from his/her participation in the YMCA Global Teens program. I also agree to be responsible for all information contained in the YMCA Global Teens participant handbook/manual.

I agree that AT ALL TIMES during YMCA activities, my child must abide by the following rules and policies:

1. Controlled substances--All alcohol (in accordance with U.S. laws), illegal drugs and tobacco products are prohibited on the trip. Anyone using prescription medicine must notify the trip leaders prior to departing from the West Side YMCA.
2. Rights of others—Participants must respect the rights and personal property of other people at all times.
3. Group participation—It is expected that anyone applying as a group member will travel with the group the entire trip. Attendance at all events and activities is mandatory. It is expected that participant will participate fully, show a willingness to learn and cooperate with the group leader and group members to ensure the best experience possible for all participants.
4. Program rules—Participants must agree to follow all of the rules of conduct set forth by the YMCA Global Teens Program and those articulated in the participant handbook to ensure a quality and safe experience for all participants. This includes prohibiting sexual activity, vandalism, drinking, substance abuse, or risky behavior of any kind.
5. Cultural ambassadors—Participants should be exceptional ambassadors for their families, their YMCA and for the United States.
6. Participants are expected to abide by the laws governing both the host country and the United States of America.
7. Respecting other cultures—Participants will show respect, at all times, to their hosts, their host culture and their host country.
8. Emergency Contact—Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and their emergency contacts are required to be accessible and responsive to the efforts to contact them by staff of the YMCA Global Teens Program. I understand that in urgent emergency situations, it is essential for YMCA staff and I to be in frequent communication to ensure the safety and well-being of my child.

Legal Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Teen Participant Name (Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Date)

Signature of Teen Participant (Date)

Please note: A separate agreement for each custodial guardian must be signed and notarized. If only one parent/guardian has legal custody of the participant, supporting documentation must be attached to this form. Please provide one of the following items as proof of sole custody: Court Custody Document, parent's Death Certificate, child's Birth Certificate (listing only one parent).

The YMCA of Greater New York reserves the right to cancel any trip should governmental action or other circumstances make the program operation impossible or unwise. The YMCA also reserves the right to dismiss a participant from the program at anytime, for any reason.

This form must be stamped by a notary public in the space below. Original copy must be provided to the YMCA Global Teens Office.



YMCA Global Teens 2011 Participant Reference Form

The YMCA Global Teens Program is a leadership development program which places a special emphasis on service-learning and the development of leadership skills and cultural competencies through an intensive travel experience. The purpose of our Global Teens Program is to challenge each participant to develop a stronger sense of self-confidence, independence, and cooperation, as well as to deepen his/her appreciation for the diversity and interdependence among the world's people. The Global Teens Program is not just an opportunity to travel, but an opportunity for leadership development, personal growth, new cultural experiences, and increased international understanding. Teens begin training and preparation in January and the program officially 'wraps' in December.

The young person who has given you this form is applying for an intense and challenging International YMCA opportunity. In order to complete this reference form, you are asked to be extremely knowledgeable about the applicant's attributes and personality.

You must be a teacher, coach, tutor, mentor, employer, spiritual advisor, or community leader to complete this reference form. References from family members or friends will not be accepted.

If you feel you do not meet these criteria and/or you are a close friend or relative of the applicant, please do not complete this form.

It is essential that we receive an honest and objective assessment of the applicant. Please complete all sections on the reverse side. Print or type clearly. You may return this form to the applicant or directly to the YMCA Global Teens office.

Should you have any questions, or want to learn more about the YMCA Global Teens program or the International YMCA, give us an email or call us at 212-727-8800 or 1-888-477-9622. We would be more than happy to speak with you.

Yours in Service,

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Global Teens 2011 Participant Reference Form

Name of Applicant:

Name of Reference:

Address:

Phone: E Mail:

What is your relationship to the applicant?

How often do you interact with the applicant?

Please rate the personality and suitability of the applicant for the YMCA Global Teens service-learning & cultural exchange program:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Attitude				
Adaptability				
Responsibility				
Resourcefulness				
Enthusiasm				
Leadership				
Initiative				
Patience				
Sense Of Humor				
Cooperation				

Based on your experience, how does the applicant relate to other people?

What would you consider to be the applicant's best skills and personality strengths?

How well do you think the applicant would behave while abroad?

Signature:

Date:

