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GLOBAL TEENS

2012
APPLICATION
PACKET



*"The world is but a book...and those who do not travel read
only one page."*

—St. Augustine

What are **YOU** DOING THIS SUMMER?

YMCA Global Teens is a unique service & international exchange program having provided 1000+ teenagers a chance for global adventure since 1996

Tentative Destinations for 2012: Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, and India!

STEPS TO APPLYING:

1) **ARRIVE** at your local YMCA branch with any questions or to learn more; or give the International YMCA a call; email.

YMCA Global Teens Staff Team:

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2) **COMPLETE** all parts of application packet & submit required forms (except Health Form, due 2/24/12)

2012 Application Deadline: Friday, November 4, 2011 @ 5:00 pm EST

3) **MAIL** in complete application - keep a copy of all documents for your reference

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

“Snail” 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@ymcaync.org

(entire application scanned as one PDF no more than 2MB in size)

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

4) INTERVIEW

Once your application is received, we will conduct an interview

5) ACCEPTANCE DECISIONS!

Made by November 23, 2011 via email!





2012 YMCA Global Teens Participant Application

Last Name(s): _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

(AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORT)

Male: Female: Date of Birth: (Month / Day / Year) ____/____/____

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 (2011-2012 School Year): _____ Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____

**** All information will be kept secure and confidential and is for insurance & identification purposes only****

Ethnicity: Black, Non-Hispanic American Indian/Native American Hispanic/Latino
 Asian/Pacific Islander White/Non-Hispanic Other (please specify): _____

Total 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

A) Contact Information:

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

Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

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). Contacts will be called in order after your parent/guardians should in emergency situations.

1st Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) _____

2nd Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) _____

3rd Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) _____

B) ABOUT YOU:

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 IY Scholarship support before? YES NO

If yes, what year(s)? _____ Trip Destination(s): _____
 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 Armed Forces I don't know
 What is your anticipated date of graduation? (Month/Year) _____
 Are you a member of the YMCA of Greater NY? YES NO YMCA Branch/Site: _____
 Name of the Y Staff with whom you work closest with: Name: _____ Title: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____ # Years Known: _____
 Are you a member of another youth organization or program? YES NO Organization Name:: _____

How did you hear about YMCA Global Teens?

I am a Global Teens Alumni Classmate/School I saw a Global Teens Presentation at: _____
 Internet/Website Facebook/Twitter YouTube Other: (please explain) _____

C) PERSONAL ESSAY: *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. Please answer 3 of the 8 questions to the best of your ability in one essay (minimum 300 words) on a separate sheet(s) of paper and submit along with your application.*

1. What are the characteristics of a good Global Teen or Citizen?
2. What do you hope to gain from the Global Teens experience and how will you apply that to your local community upon your return?
3. Describe a leadership or service role you have held. What did you learn from it? How will this experience make you and your Global Teens group be successful?
4. Tell us about an obstacle you have faced. How did you overcome it? Looking back, what could you have done differently to make overcoming that challenge easier?
5. What are your short and long term life goals? Why are these goals important to you and how will they contribute to helping your community?
6. Identify a social issue in one of the Global Teen regions and propose a solution to that issue.
7. Describe a person or activity that has a positive influence on your life; why?
8. Global Teens travels to many countries around the world including; Colombia, Thailand and South Africa, what are common stereotypes of these countries? Do you think these judgments are fair? If not, how will you help break them down? What are typical stereotypes of Americans and how can your participation in Global Teens breakdown these stereotypes.

D) 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 2012.

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: _____