

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD

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WHO CAN RUN FOR YOUTH BOARD? HOW DO I RUN?

- ☺ All candidates must be rising juniors and seniors, actively involved in youth activities in the parish. Participation in Diocesan programs is encouraged.
- ☺ Candidates must be able to provide his/her own transportation to and from events.
- ☺ Candidates must be **committed to attendance at the Faithful Servant Leadership Institute and Youth Board meetings**, as well as being committed to planning and implementing youth events at the deanery and diocesan level.
- ☺ All candidates for the Youth Board must turn in the Youth Board application, recommendations from their youth minister/adult youth leader, parent and pastor by **April 3, 2009**. No candidate can be selected without recommendations.
- ☺ All candidates for election will prepare a **3 - 4 minute campaign address** to be given at their deanery gatherings at the Youth Convention.
- ☺ Some candidates would serve as excellent Youth Board representatives but are not comfortable in the "campaigning forum". For this reason, some youth may be appointed by the discernment of a panel of youth ministers and other adults. Regardless, candidates for election or discernment must complete the Youth Board application process.

YOUTH BOARD COVENANT

As a member of the Diocesan Youth Board, I will:

Not smoke or use alcohol or other drugs or participate in inappropriate behavior.

Be honest, open and real - the person Christ wants me to be.

Respect others' opinions, their property and their time.

Keep all personal discussions confidential.

Journey with others to Christ.

Offer service to my home community.

Be positive and participate enthusiastically. I will never give up!

Attend Youth Board meetings and assigned events.

Support all Youth Board decisions reached through consensus.

Offer a suggestion/solution along with any complaint/criticism.

Follow the rules for each activity or event.

Remember that I am here because of God and for God.

PARISH ADULT YOUTH LEADER/YOUTH MINISTER RESPONSIBILITIES IN WORKING WITH DEANERY YOUTH BOARD MEMBER(S)

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Purpose of the Youth Board

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The Parish Adult Youth Leader/ Youth Minister of a Youth Board Member

The Adult Youth Leader/ Youth Minister in a parish with a Youth Board member is to work with his/her Youth Board member in fulfilling their responsibilities. The primary responsibility of the Adult Youth Leader/ Youth Minister at the Deanery Level is to sponsor a Fall and Spring JustServe activity. Any other projects are the decision of the Deanery.

Responsibilities of the Adult Youth Leader/ Youth Minister include:

- ☺ Being in contact with the Youth Board member, supporting and guiding him/her.
- ☺ Ensuring that the Youth Board member plans activities in due time. This includes making sure that the youth:
 - ❑ Checks with the Deanery/Diocesan calendars to avoid conflicting scheduled events
 - ❑ Works with and informs the deanery of activities, plans and dates
 - ❑ Communicates in due time with the parish youth and youth leaders via phone, flyers and/or email
 - ❑ Works with the youth in sponsoring a JustServe project and is present for the JustServe project
 - ❑ Consults with the Adult Youth Leader/ Youth Minister before planning or scheduling any other Deanery-wide projects
 - ❑ Ensures that enough chaperones are present for any event and that each chaperone is properly screened, checked and trained according to the policies of the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH APPLICATION FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD

I would like to be considered for:

___ ELECTION ONLY ___ DISCERNMENT ONLY ___ EITHER

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PARISH/CITY _____ DEANERY _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

GRADE IN UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR _____ CURRENT G.P.A. _____

PLEASE LIST ANY PARISH OR OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD: _____

PLEASE LIST ACTIVITIES YOU ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN: _____

On the back of this application, please write a letter of intent stating your qualifications, reasons why you would like to serve on the Diocesan Youth Board and your understanding of the expectations. In addition, please include a recommendation from your youth minister/adult youth leader, parent/guardian and pastor. These need to be in sealed envelopes and returned in one envelope with this application.

I have read the job description of the Diocesan Youth Board and wish to be considered to serve as a Youth Board member representing my deanery. I will take my commitment seriously and I fully understand the responsibilities of this position.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

Please return this application, letter of intent and recommendations **no later than April 3, 2009** to:
Youth Ministry Consultant, Diocese of Raleigh, 715 Nazareth St., Raleigh, NC 27606.

GOOD LUCK!

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH
YOUTH MINISTER/ADULT YOUTH LEADER RECOMMENDATION
FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____

PARISH _____

YOUR NAME _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

WHAT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES DOES THE CANDIDATE POSSESS TO ENABLE HIM/HER TO FULFILL THE DUTIES OF A DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD? _____

WHAT SUPPORT CAN YOU GIVE THE CANDIDATE IF HE/SHE IS CHOSEN? _____

AS THE YOUTH MINISTER/ ADULT YOUTH LEADER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION TO THIS CANDIDATE IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEANERY H.A.Y. PROJECTS AS WELL AS OTHER DEANERY EVENTS. THIS INVOLVES HELPING WITH PLANNING, PUBLICITY, PROVIDING ADEQUATE CHAPERONE SUPERVISION AND HANDLING OF H.A.Y. PROJECT MONEY. ARE YOU WILLING TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY? _____

IS THIS CANDIDATE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN YOUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM? _____

I support _____'s candidacy as a Youth Board member. I understand and accept my responsibilities in working with and supporting him/her at the Deanery level. I believe he/she has leadership potential and can be a role model for youth of the Diocese..

Signature _____ Date _____

Please place this in a sealed envelope and return to the candidate. The candidate must have his/her application, letter of intent and recommendations into the Diocese no later than April 3, 2009.

Thank you

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH
PARENT/GUARDIAN RECOMMENDATION
FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____

PARISH _____

YOUR NAME _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

ADDRESS (if different from candidate) _____

WHAT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES DOES THE CANDIDATE POSSESS TO ENABLE HIM/HER TO FULFILL THE DUTIES OF A DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD? _____

AS A YOUTH BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, YOUR CHILD WILL BE ASKED COORDINATE TWO DEANERY PROJECTS, BACK-TO-EARTH, JAMBOREE AND YOUTH CONVENTION, AS WELL AS ATTEND FOUR YOUTH BOARD MEETINGS. DO YOU FEEL THAT PLANNING FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT THESE EVENTS IS POSSIBLE IN YOUR CHILD'S AND YOUR SCHEDULE?

CAN YOU OR YOUR CHILD PROVIDE (OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS) TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THESE EVENTS? _____

WHAT SUPPORT CAN YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD IF HE/SHE IS CHOSEN? _____

I have read the job description and recommend my son/daughter for the position of Diocesan Youth Board Representative. I will support my son/daughter if he/she is chosen to serve on the Diocesan Youth Board.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Thank you

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH
PASTOR/PASTORAL ASSOCIATE RECOMMENDATION
FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____

PARISH _____

YOUR NAME _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

I support _____'s candidacy as a Youth Board representative from our deanery. I believe he/she has leadership potential and can be a role model for youth of our Diocese. Our parish will support and guide this candidate in their endeavors.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please place this in a sealed envelope and return to the candidate. The candidate must have his/her application, letter of intent and recommendations into the Diocese no later than April 4, 2007

OPTIONAL:

PLEASE STATE THE REASON WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS APPLICANT IS A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR YOUR DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD.

Thank you