



Youth Corps Application

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To Be Eligible Applicants Must:

- Be enrolled as a student in a Richland or Lexington County School.
- Make application during the winter/spring of their 8th or 9th grade year for participation as a 9th or 10th grader.
- Desire to develop and utilize their leadership skills.

Graduation Requirements:

- Attendance is required at 80% of all sessions and field instruction. The sessions generally will be held one Saturday a month and about three evening/late afternoon sessions each month.
- About 12 hours per month total.
- Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with other school functions.
- Excused absences from the program may be allowed under certain pre-arranged circumstances.
- Participation in group community projects.
- Participation in the personal application interviews (spring 2010), the Youth Corps Orientation (spring 2010) and the Leadership Weekend (August 2010) are mandatory.

Instructions:

- Applications must be completely filled out and received in the Youth Corps office by **April 30, 2010**. Mail to: Youth Corps, P.O. Box 50964, Columbia, SC 29250.
- Cost: A \$50.00 registration fee is due at Orientation for those accepted into the program. Total cost is \$975 for the Youth Corps experience. Scholarship help is available for students who have a demonstrated need. To apply for a scholarship, go to www.youthcorps.net and download a Scholarship Application, fill it out and mail it in with your application. (If you do not have internet, call our office at 665-5640.)
- There is no fee to apply.
- Payment plans are available for monthly, quarterly or yearly installments.
- Each student is responsible for transportation to and from each site for each session. Sessions are at different sites throughout the Midlands.
- One letter of recommendation is required.
- Have a personal interview with the selection committee.
- Questions? Call 665-5640.

*Please provide the following information and answer each question **THOROUGHLY** on the **front and back** of each page. All applications must be printed in ink or typed.*

SECTION I - PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____
School _____ DOB _____
Home address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Home Phone _____ Student cell phone _____
E-mail _____
Gender: Male _____ Female _____
Current school _____ Current Grade Point Average _____
School you will be attending in the fall _____
I can get transportation to and from the site for each session: yes _____ no _____

Parent or Guardian Information:

Name _____ Relationship to you _____
Home address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Cell phone _____ E-mail _____
Occupation and place of employment _____

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Physical activities:

Is there any reason that you would be unable to be involved in such activities as a ropes course, community service projects or any other physical activity, either with or without accommodations? yes _____ no _____

How did you hear about Youth Corps? _____

SECTION II - ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Please list up to five school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities/organizations in which you've participated. (Include organization or activity; your grade in school at the time; brief description of your role.)

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly explain what it involved:

Do you currently have a job?

Yes No

How many hours per week? _____

Would your job interfere with the Youth Corps program?

Yes No

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who is your hero or heroine (someone you admire)? Why?

What are your hobbies and interests?

Please explain what you hope to gain by participating in Youth Corps?

What are your long-term and career goals?

What do you think are the 3 best things about your hometown and why?

PARENT PERMISSION

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____(student name). I have read the information on the Youth Corps program and am willing to have my child participate. I agree to help my child meet the expectations of the program. I understand that I am responsible to arrange for transportation to the session and back to home after the session.

Youth Corps, its agents, and it employees have my full permission and consent to transport my child by bus, van, private automobile or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions during the school year in which he/she is a participant.

I hereby release and hold harmless Youth Corps, its agents, members, employees or any individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Youth Corps, for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above-mentioned Student’s attendance at or participating in any activity or session of Youth Corps.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Name (please print)

Signature(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

If my child is accepted into Youth Corps, I give my permission for Youth Corps to take pictures of my child during Youth Corps activities and use those pictures in Youth Corps publications.

Signature(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

SCHOOL APPROVAL

All applicants must have the approval of their school principal, guidance counselor, or teacher to apply for Youth Corps. Please have your principal, guidance counselor, or teacher complete this section.

I approve of the participation of _____(student name) in the Youth Corps program 2009-2010. The student meets the criteria of being “academically sound” and has the potential and desire to be part of Youth Corps.

Principal/Guidance Counselor/Teacher Name (please print)_____

School_____ Phone_____

Signature of Principal/Guidance Counselor/Teacher_____

Date_____

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with letter of recommendation.*