



Dear Applicant:

Greetings from the Texas Youth Academy!

We are excited about your interest in participating in the 2010 Texas Youth Academy July 5-17. Please read the directions below to complete your application and return it to us by March 5, 2010.

- Complete the two-page program application in full and return it to our office with the two one-page essays. Please be sure your name is on every piece of paper you send to us. Please mail your hard copies.
- Choose two adults that know you well to write honest and accurate recommendation letters for you. One recommender should be a clergy person or church leader, and the other can be of your choosing, though should not be related to you. Give a recommendation form to each of your chosen adults along with a stamped envelope. **Make sure your recommenders are aware of the March 5, 2010 application deadline.**

Completed applications will be read by an admissions committee beginning on March 15, 2010. Decision letters for all applicants will be mailed by April 16, 2010.

If you have any questions during the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone or email. We look forward to receiving your application materials and getting to know you!

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Don Waddleton, Director
Center for Congregational Excellence



APPLICATION

Summer 2010: July 5-17, 2010

Deadline: March 5, 2010

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (please type or print neatly):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender (circle one): male female

Ethnicity: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Grade (circle one): 10th grade 11th grade Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Relationship to You: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

CHURCH COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Church Name: _____ Denomination: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Church Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Student Name: _____

AREAS OF INTEREST (check all that apply):

Arts/Music: _____

Sports: _____

Language: _____

Other: _____

Please list your extra-curricular activities, including church, school, community, etc.:

Please list any camps, conferences, and/or retreats you have attended:

How did you hear about the Texas Youth Academy?

(If by word of mouth, please list person's name.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Name: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Email Address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

(2) Name: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Email Address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Please have your recommendation letters sent **separately** to our office by each person supplying a recommendation. See enclosed forms for instructions.

ESSAY

Answer BOTH questions. Your answers should be typed and fill approximately one double-spaced page each. Please do not exceed 500 words per essay.

(A) Tell us about your journey of faith. Include in your answer times of blessing and growth, times of struggle and confusion. How will your journey, your experiences, and your gifts contribute to the community of the Texas Youth Academy?

(B) Consider a book you have read (other than the Bible), a movie you have seen, or a play or other cultural event you have attended. Describe how it has prompted you to think about your faith and life.

*Please send **application** and **essays** to:*

Texas Annual Conference

Center for Congregational Excellence

5215 Main Street

Houston, Texas 77002

Applications may also be faxed** to: 713.533.3796

** If faxing an application, please also forward hard copies through the mail.

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To the APPLICANT:

Please solicit letters of recommendation from two adults. One should be from a clergy person or church workers, and the other may be from a teacher or other adult friend (not a family member). Provide your recommenders with this form and a stamped envelope. Be sure to remind them recommendations must be received by February 27 for your application to be considered.

To the RECOMMENDER:

Your recommendation is a very important part of the admissions process. Please address the following in your recommendation:

- Describe the applicant's character, personality, and life of faith as you perceive it, including strengths and weaknesses.
- How long have you know the applicant and in what capacity?
- How do you believe the applicant will enliven the Texas Youth Academy?
- In what ways will the applicant grow from the Texas Youth Academy experience?

Please make sure to provide your full name and mailing address. When your recommendation is complete; please return it to our office at the address listed above.

For more information about the Texas Youth Academy, please visit our website at www.txcumc.org/yacademy10. If you have questions, please contact us via phone or email. Thank you!

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