



STUDENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Summer 2012

June 25 – July 7, 2012

Deadline: March 9, 2012

Greetings from the Texas Youth Academy!

The Texas Youth Academy Team is excited about your interest in participating in the 2012 Texas Youth Academy. This year's Academy will be held from June 25th – July 7th at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Please read the directions below to complete your application and return it to us by **March 9, 2012**.

To apply to 2012 Texas Youth Academy:

(1) Fill out the two-page program application in full and return it to our office with your completed essays. Please be sure that your name is on every piece of paper you send to us and mail your application and essays to:

**Texas Annual Conference
Center for Congregational Excellence
Attn: Debbie Sutton
5215 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77002**

*You may fax your application to 713.533.3796.

If you choose to fax your application, please also forward hard copies by mail.

(2) Choose two adults that know you well to write an honest and accurate recommendation letter for you. One recommender should be a pastor or church worker, and the other can be of your choosing. Neither recommender should be related to you. Give a recommendation form to each of these adults along with a stamped envelope. **Make sure that your recommenders are aware of the March 9, 2012 application deadline.**

An admissions committee will begin reading completed applications in mid-March. Decision letters for all applicants will be mailed on March 30th.

If you have any questions during the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Sutton at the Texas Conference office via phone: 713.521.9383 Ext 335 or email: dsutton@txcumc.org. The TYA team looks forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

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



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First Name _____ Last Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Gender (circle one): male female

Date of Birth _____ Ethnicity _____

Current Grade (circle one) 10th grade 11th grade

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

MORE ABOUT YOU AND YOUR INTERESTS...

What church do you attend? _____

In what city is your church located? _____

What is your pastor's name? _____

What activities are you involved in at church? _____

What school or community activities are you involved in? _____

What do you do for fun? _____

Student Name _____
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What camps, conferences, mission projects, and/or retreats have you attended?

How did you hear about Texas Youth Academy? (If by word of mouth, please list his/her name.)

RECOMMENDERS...

*Texas Youth Academy requires two letters of recommendation from each applicant. For your recommenders, please choose two adults who know you well and will write honest and accurate letters for you. One recommender should be a pastor or church worker, and the other can be of your choosing. Neither recommender should be related to you. Please tell us who will be providing letters of recommendation on your behalf. **Please have each recommendation sent separately to our office by the recommender.** See enclosed forms for instructions.*

Recommender #1 _____ Relationship to you _____

Email address _____ Phone number _____

Recommender #2 _____ Relationship to you _____

Email address _____ Phone number _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS...

Please answer the following questions and attach to your application. Your answers should be typed and should not exceed 500 words per essay.

- (1) Briefly describe your journey of faith. Tell us about times of blessing and growth as well as times of struggle and confusion.
- (2) Consider a book you have read (other than the Bible) or a movie you have seen. How did it prompt you to think about your faith and life?
- (3) Why do you want to attend Texas Youth Academy?

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION...

Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____



RECOMMENDATION FORM

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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?
- Comment on student's ability to lead among their peers and engage in theological ideas.
- 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; return it to our office at the address listed above. For more information about the Texas Youth Academy, please visit our website at www.texasyouthacademy.org. If you have questions, please contact us via phone or email. Thank you!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 9, 2012

An application will not be read until the complete application with essays and recommendation letters – has been received.