

The 40th Annual Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference

A Civitan Youth Seminar Project

We are making a commitment to a better future by bringing together selected young people into an environment conducive to easy listening, the fruitful discussion of common problems, quiet reflection and enjoyable recreation, thereby creating ...

“friendship through understanding”

July 13 – 18, 2009

Hillsdale College – Hillsdale, Michigan



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Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference

We offer an opportunity for high school students to experience a leadership program that is truly unique. For one week during the summer, delegates gather on a college campus and become actively involved in a variety of exercises that will enhance their knowledge of who they are and where they fit into the complexities of an ever-changing society.

During both large and small discussion group sessions, delegates have an opportunity to share their views on a wide variety of topics that are of concern to today's teens. The format is simple: since each of us comes from a slightly different background, our opinions will differ. That's understandable. We must learn to listen to others, and we must also learn to argue our own point of view without personally attacking others for holding differing beliefs. Over the years, it has been proven that delegates do not change what they think or value. Instead, these sessions tend to solidify the values and opinions held by the delegates. For many, it is the first time that they have been given the opportunity to vocalize how they actually feel about the issues being discussed.

It is through the diversity of the delegation that this conference obtains its strength. We do not look at race, creed, color, sex, or ethnic background when selecting delegates. Rather, we truly embrace the differences that each delegate brings, because it is through those differences that delegates learn about themselves and others in this ever shrinking world of ours. It is those special and unique qualities that each delegate possesses that the conference capitalizes on to prove that every person is of special importance to the world as a whole. To be able to look at a person as a valuable asset to society means to look past the stereotypes that may otherwise blind us to the true worth of the individual.

Throughout the week, delegates are grouped and regrouped during a variety of exercises to demonstrate the value of teamwork. In today's work force, the ability to function as a member of a team is more important than what a person may do or know individually. It is the belief of this conference that every delegate is a leader, and to become more effective and self-assured, certain qualities may need to be enhanced. Through the deliberate structuring of activities to promote teamwork, each delegate has the opportunity to demonstrate his or her individual skills within a safe and non-threatening environment.

There is no better place for the youth of today to experience a program designed to enrich their lives and develop their leadership capabilities than the Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference. It offers, in one short week, what the average individual might take a lifetime to experience.



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**Sponsor: Please complete the following information before giving to applicant:
A tuition fee of \$300 (US funds) from the sponsoring organization or club must accompany this application.
Return this application no later than June 1st to: Conference Director PO Box 800 Wayne, MI 48184**

Representative or Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Sponsoring Club or Organization _____

State or Canadian Province _____

Return this application for processing on or before _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION ... Previous delegates are not eligible for this year's conference

Any questions regarding the Conference or this application should be directed to the representative listed above. All questions and/or blanks on this application must be completed before it will be considered. Return this application to the above representative on or before the designated date. Applications may not be considered after this date. If, after applying, you are unable to attend, please contact the above representative immediately.

Please do not contact Hillsdale College. They have no answers concerning this conference.

Type or neatly print all information requested

Full legal name _____ Male Female
First Middle Last (Circle One)

Name to appear on Name Tag _____ Birthdate _____
First (No Silly Slang) Last Month/Date/Year

Home Address _____
Number Street City State/Province Postal Code

E-mail Address _____ Name of High School _____

I will enter the following grade in the fall of this year: 10 11 12 Circle One

Parent's or Guardian's Name _____

Parent's/Guardian's Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number

Parent's/Guardian's Cell Phone #1 _____ #2 _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number

Person to contract if parent/guardian is unavailable _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____
Area Code Number

Please complete the following information so that we will know more about you.

I am a member of the following:	Yes	No	# of Yrs	List any offices held
National Honor Society	Yes	No	_____	_____
Student Council	Yes	No	_____	_____
Class Officer	Yes	No	_____	_____
S.A.D.D.	Yes	No	_____	_____
Junior Civitan	Yes	No	_____	_____
Church Youth Group	Yes	No	_____	_____
Other _____			_____	_____

I like to participate in the following sports and activities: _____

Medical Information – NO APPLICANT WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

Name of Medical Insurance Plan _____ Policy # _____

Name of your physician _____ Phone _____ / _____
Area Code Number

Are you currently under medical care? _____ If so, for what? _____

We hereby certify that our son/daughter is currently taking the following medication:

Name	Reason	Name	Reason
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

He/she is allergic to the following medications: _____

Special health problems: _____

Medical Permission: In the event of you inability to contact us, the parents/guardians, in case of emergency medical attention is expedient for our son/daughter, we hereby approve whatever medical attention is necessary and determined by the Hospital Physician or Conference Medical Staff Personnel.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Waiver: I (we), the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of this delegate to the Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference, do hereby release and discharge Civitan International and Hillsdale College, as well as their officers, agents, instructors, and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, action or causes of actions which I (we) may, can, or shall have by reason of any illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by my son or daughter while attending this conference.

Dated Signature of Parent/Guardian Signature of Parent/Guardian

**Registration is from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Plan on arriving during that time period.
There are no facilities for meals prior to dinner, so have lunch before arriving.**

I expect to travel to Hillsdale College, Hillsdale Michigan by one of the following:

(Check one) _____ Charter bus _____ Commercial bus _____ Automobile

If by automobile, is the car to remain on campus during the conference? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please complete the following:

Make: _____ Year _____ Color _____ License # _____

**Further details will be mailed to each applicant on or about June 25th,
providing this application is received by the Conference Director in time.**

It goes without saying...but let's mention it anyway. Delegates will be expected to keep their rooms neat at all times. There are to be no illegal drugs, tobacco products, or alcohol on campus. Males are not allowed in areas of the dorm restricted to females, and visa versa. No delegate may leave the grounds of the campus. Theft or vandalism is not an acceptable trail for any delegate. Any delegate acting in an irresponsible manner may, at the discretion of the Director, be withdrawn from the Conference. Parent or guardian would then be required to arrange for immediate transportation home. Each delegate will be held responsible for any damage to, or loss of, property caused by that person.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian