



## Youth Advisory Board 2011-2012 Application for Membership

Are you a student leader? Are you part of a youth group? Do you want to make a difference in your community? If you answered “yes,” then this program is for you! Volunteer Fairfax is sponsoring a unique opportunity for students who display leadership qualities to assist with the coordination and implementation of Fairfax County’s second annual Global Youth Service Day, on Saturday, April 20, 2012.

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in over 100 countries. On Global Youth Service Day, children and youth address the world’s most critical issues in partnership with families, schools, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and governments.

Participation on the Youth Advisory Board will provide a broad array of leadership skills that can be applied to any life experience using a state-of-the-art curriculum that includes both classroom instruction and experiential training. Involvement on the Board will specifically train young leaders to identify their community’s needs and seek ways to solve these problems. Over six months, participants will plan their own community service projects and implement it as a group on Saturday, April 20. In addition to planning Global Youth Service Day, Youth Advisory Board members will have the opportunity to coordinate other youth activities at Volunteer Fairfax.

Participation on the Board includes:

- Monthly meeting sessions including team building, project leadership, decision-making, diversity training and other dynamic leadership activities
- A Day of Service planned and implemented by the participants
- The chance to help Volunteer Fairfax better serve the youth of Fairfax County
- The opportunity to meet other young community leaders

Students will be charged with the task of planning and implementing Day of Service projects to be completed throughout the month of April 2012. Attendance at all scheduled meetings and the Day of Service (April 21) is mandatory for participation. In addition, students may be occasionally required to contribute time outside of these meetings for additional projects. **The monthly sessions will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Thursdays: October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, and May 3. Any foreseeable scheduling conflicts must be noted in the application.**

All participants must have transportation to and from the scheduled meetings, and cannot be dropped off earlier or left later more than fifteen minutes before or after the meeting is scheduled. Parents are encouraged to carpool. Applicants should be students currently in grades 10 – 12 who would benefit from participation on the Board. Students should be motivated to take the vital skills they gain back to their respective communities. If you or someone you know would want to be a part of this special opportunity, do not hesitate to apply.

Don’t miss out on this important opportunity to take part in this growing initiative! Involvement with the Youth Service Board can play a significant role in those who participate by igniting their desire and ability to make a difference in their community.

**Applications must be received by Friday, September 30, 2011. Selected applicants will receive notification on Monday, October 3 as attendance at the October 6 meeting is required.**

For more information or to receive an application, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) or contact Matt Lyttle at (703) 246-3553 or [mlyttle@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:mlyttle@volunteerfairfax.org)

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**Date of GYSD:** Saturday, April 20, 2012

**Location:** Across Fairfax County, VA

**Purpose:** To coordinate and implement Fairfax County's second annual Global Youth Service Day 2012, an effort to mobilize over 600 youth (5-25 years old) in more than 30 projects across the community. To provide leadership in the community and advise Volunteer Fairfax.

*Please type or print legibly:*

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|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------|--|
| <b>Gender</b>            |  | <b>Year in School<br/>Fall 2011</b> |  |            |  |
| <b>First Name</b>        |  | <b>Last Name</b>                    |  |            |  |
| <b>Home Address</b>      |  |                                     |  |            |  |
| <b>City</b>              |  | <b>State</b>                        |  | <b>Zip</b> |  |
| <b>Home Telephone</b>    |  | <b>Email</b>                        |  |            |  |
| <b>High School</b>       |  |                                     |  |            |  |
| <b>Address of School</b> |  |                                     |  |            |  |
| <b>City</b>              |  | <b>State</b>                        |  | <b>Zip</b> |  |
| <b>Telephone</b>         |  | <b>Fax</b>                          |  |            |  |

Please answer the following questions. Your answers should be typed and no more than three pages total.

1. Why do you want to be part of the Youth Advisory Board? Please provide a short biography, including your involvement in the community, volunteer activities, hobbies, and special skills.
2. After the program concludes, how will you use your leadership skills to better your community?
3. Please identify a need in your community and what you would like to do to address that need. Think about what resources are already available as well as what you might need to make your vision a reality
4. Describe a volunteer experience you have had. What were your likes and dislikes? Are there things you would change about the experience or like to duplicate in future experiences?
5. Please list any foreseeable conflicts to the Youth Advisory Board commitment outlined on the previous page.

Finally, please provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, religious leader, or someone who knows you in an educational, service, or professional capacity. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

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