



African-American Youth Leadership Program

Summer 2010 CONFERENCE

Overview

The African-American Youth Leadership Program (AAYLP), a division of the Research and Policy Institute of California, is seeking applicants for its 2010 African-American Youth Leadership Conference. California high school students eligible to graduate in 2011 or 2012 are invited to apply.

The conference will be held:

**July 24 – July 31, 2010
at CSU Sacramento**

Conference participants will stay in campus housing and be supervised at all times.

Objectives

This conference offers students training in the following:

- Enhanced leadership skills;
- Strengthened understanding of state and local government;
- Financial responsibility
- Living a balanced life; and
- Career exploration and development.

Activities

Students attending the conference will:

- Attend thought provoking presentations on critical leadership skills;
- Participate in interactive workshops promoting good mental, physical and fiscal health;
- Gain firsthand legislative experience through mock hearings at the State Capitol.

Eligibility

Students are selected based on the following:

- A student currently in good academic standing as of January 1, 2010, and eligible to graduate in 2011 or 2012
- Demonstration of leadership potential (i.e. involvement in student government, community leadership or similar activities)

Cost

Housing, meals, program materials and transportation to, from and during the conference site provided at **NO COST*** to the participants.

**Note: All admitted students will be asked to submit a \$50 non-refundable confirmation fee with their confirmation of attendance.*

Contact Info:

For more information, please contact AAYLP via:

email: info@calresearch.org

mail: African American Youth Leadership Program
c/o Research and Policy Institute of California
1333 Howe Avenue, Suite 201
Sacramento, CA 95825

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All applications must be received
by **April 1st.**

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CONFERENCE APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

- A completed AAYLP Conference Application form;
- Complete responses to all three essay questions;
- A résumé of your school and community activities;
- An official copy of your most recent transcript; and
- Two recommendations.

Failure to provide any of the above requested documents may disqualify you from having your application reviewed.

Send your completed application and enclosures to:

AAYLP Applications Committee
c/o Research and Policy Institute of California
1333 Howe Ave, Ste 201
Sacramento, CA 95825

Please note, application materials received by the Applications Committee may not be returned to you. Therefore, it is advised that you do not include any original documents or items that cannot be replaced (i.e., certificates, photos, etc.)

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No application received later than April 1st will be reviewed by the Application Committee.

Part I: Student Information (Please type or print)

Name: _____
Last First MI

Address _____

City State Zip

Home Phone Email

Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Gender (Male/Female)

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Phone for Parent/Guardian Email for Parent/Guardian

Name of High School School District

20 Anticipated Year of Graduation Grade Point Average

PSAT Score (Verbal/Math) SAT Score (Verbal/Math)

Do you plan to attend any of the following educational systems? (Check all that apply.)

- University of California California State University Private College/University
 California Community College Private Trade School

How did you hear about AAYLP?

- School Community Organization Legislative Office
 Advertisement Other _____

Please list the representatives in the California State Legislature from your community.

State Senator _____
Name District Number

State Assembly Member _____
Name District Number

Students selected to participate will be notified by June 1st

I certify that the above statements are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I give my permission to AAYLP and the Research and Policy Institute of California (RPIC) to release information contained in this application to agencies, colleges or universities in order to provide me with information on college admission, financial aid, student services, or career opportunities. I understand that AAYLP and RPIC will strive to keep all personal information confidential.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____ Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

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Applicant Name:

Part II: Supporting Documents

- School and Community Involvement Resume:** On a separate sheet of paper, please list any school and community activities you were/are involved in (e.g. offices held, club memberships, after-school activities, volunteer/paid work experience, etc.) Include beginning and ending dates of involvement, length of participation, position(s) held (if any) and description of activity. Enclose your resume with your application.
- Transcript:** Be sure to request and enclose an official copy of your most recent high school transcript. If your school will not release an official copy to you, please include with your application a note indicating that your transcripts have been sent directly from the school. The application committee may refuse to review any application not accompanied by an official transcript or explanatory note.
- Two Letters of Recommendation:** Enclose two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a school official and one from a community member who is not related to you. Each letter should include the following information:
 - Your relationship to the referring person;
 - How long he/she has known you;
 - Comments on your leadership potential;
 - Comments on your personal qualities; and
 - Why she/he feels you are a good candidate for this program.

Please list each of your references below and mark if your letter(s) of recommendation is included with your application packet.

Name of Referring Person (Please Type or Print) Letter Included

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Selection Criteria Checklist *(for admissions committee use only)*

Complete applications will be scored based on the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay #1 – Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> School Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay #2 – Autobiography | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay #3 – Hypothesis | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Presentation |

Total Score:

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Part III: **Essay Questions**

Please provide responses to *all three essay questions*. Each answer must be typewritten, each on a separate page, and submitted with your completed application. Include your full name and signature at the top of each essay.

Make sure your response pertains to the questions asked. Each response must be 300 to 500 words.

Essay One

Leadership

Discuss your leadership ability and potential. Include an explanation of why you feel you are qualified to participate in the conference. Also, discuss your expectations of how this conference will enhance your leadership ability and potential as well as support you in reaching your life goals.

Essay Two

Comparative Autobiography

Name an individual that you would consider a model leader and explain why. Then, compare and contrast how your life has lined up against that person's life. Include specific events and choices that have influenced you as a person and as a leader.

Essay Three

Hypothesis

Write a persuasive piece on whether the American dream is obtainable and to whom it is obtainable. Be sure to include your definition of the American dream in this discussion.

No application received without all three essays will be reviewed.

