



YOUTH MATTER AMERICA
LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

2008 YMA LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Creating The Next Generation Of Leadership

November 2008 Conference • Hampton Roads, VA

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

— ANONYMOUS

WHAT IS THE YOUTH MATTER AMERICA (YMA) LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE?

Youth Matter Inc./Youth Matter America is giving a challenge to middle and high school students in Hampton Roads and Southampton County, Virginia to become the next generation leaders—one who will make a positive impact and difference through their guidance and leadership now and in their future years. [Youth Matter America!](#)

WHAT IS THE YMA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE?

It is a 3-day weekend Conference held in November 2008 where only 5 middle school and only 5 high school students will be selected to participate. At this annual YMA Leadership Challenge Conference, the 10 students will be presented with leadership development tools to nurture their qualities in becoming outstanding leaders of their generation. The Leadership Challenge weekend will include accommodations, two dinners (with outstanding local leaders), lunches and breakfasts (with key leadership speakers), social events (Friday night through Sunday), awards and prizes!! Screened chaperones will be provided.

IS THERE A CONFERENCE FEE?

No, there is no fee/cost to the 10 students selected (5 middle school and 5 high school students).

HOW CAN I APPLY TO BE ONE OF THE TEN?

Any student attending schools in Hampton Roads and Southampton County, Virginia may apply, but ten will be chosen (5 middle and 5 high school students) based on the following merit:

- A. Writing two (2) essays — Each essay is to be hand written within one 8 1/2" X 11" page of lined notebook paper. Typed or computer generated essays will NOT be considered.
 - Essay #1 — “Why I should be chosen for the Leadership Challenge”
 - Essay #2 — “How I plan to be a role model and leader in my generation”
- B. Grade Point Average of 2.8 and above; proof of GPA submitted
- C. Three teacher references

THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE'S PURPOSE:

To develop the next generation of leaders — Youth Matter America! because youth are the future.

ENTRY FORM

Please **PRINT** all information in the blanks below, sign and date.

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: (Month/Day/Year) _____ Female Male

STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT. # _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

_____ SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

TYPE OF SCHOOL (CHECK ONE): NON-PUBLIC PUBLIC OTHER _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) NAME(S): _____

MOTHER'S WORK PHONE: _____ FATHER'S WORK PHONE: _____

MOTHER'S CELL PHONE: _____ FATHER'S CELL PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON OTHER THAN PARENTS — TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CONFERENCES ATTENDED: _____

CAREER PATHWAY (EXAMPLE: BUSINESS, MUSIC, ETC.): _____

HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS: _____

(OPTIONAL) —

ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): AFRICAN AMERICAN NATIVE AMERICAN

LATINO ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCASIAN OTHER: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

For more information about the YMA Leadership Challenge/Conference, contact Youth Matter Inc. at (757) 399-3288, (703) 590-4934, youthmatter@msn.com

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Entries must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2008, and should be mailed to:

Youth Matter Inc.
ATTN: Leadership Challenge Committee
P.O. Box 396, Portsmouth, VA 23705

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