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## Interfaith Youth Service Project Application

The act of serving others is valued in all major world religions and can provide a concrete expression of a person's faith or belief system. Project Interfaith will launch its first interfaith service project this year to provide an opportunity for youth of different faiths to consider what their own faiths or belief systems say about serving others, serve community members in a helpful, intentional way, and reflect on and share with the community the impact that service has on their faith and/or beliefs.

### Program Description

Project Interfaith is looking for up to 18 young people ages 17-22 of diverse faiths and beliefs to participate in our first interfaith youth service project. Participants will spend several weeks at a designated service site serving community members in need. They will be asked to keep video diaries during this experience chronicling their reflections faith/beliefs and service and exploring how this service experience impacts their faith/beliefs. These video diaries will be posted weekly on the Project Interfaith website so that community members can view these reflections and post comments, creating an online dialogue with participants about the intersection of service and faith. Organizers will hold pre- and post-service dinners for participants to share their views and reflections about service with each other before volunteering at the service site and to reflect and debrief about the experience after their service concludes.

Participants should expect to give approximately 3 hours a week to this program beginning the week of February 14, 2010 through the week of March 21, 2010.

Those interested should complete the attached application and return it in full to Project Interfaith by no later than **January 15, 2010**. Applications can be either emailed or mailed. Email applications to [info@projectinterfaithusa.org](mailto:info@projectinterfaithusa.org) with the subject line INTERFAITH YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT. Mail applications to:

Project Interfaith  
P.O. Box 6037  
Omaha, NE 68106

Participants will be notified if they have been accepted into this program by February 1, 2010. Please email [info@projectinterfaithusa.org](mailto:info@projectinterfaithusa.org) with questions.

**Application to Participate in Project Interfaith's 2010 Interfaith Youth Service Project**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ If you are under 18, did your parent sign the consent form? Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade or Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Can you receive text messages at this number? Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious/spiritual identification\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*You do not need to belong to a religion to participate in this program.

**Please answer the following questions. Each answer should be no more than 250 words in length. If you attach an additional page with your answers, please make sure your name is on it.**

Why are you interested in participating in this project?

What does "service" mean to you? How has your faith or belief system shaped your thoughts or views on serving others?

What are the extracurricular activities in your school and/or community in which you are currently involved?

What are the extracurricular activities in your school and/or community in which you will be involved in February and March 2010 and what is the estimated time commitment of these activities per month?

What day(s) and time(s) during the week and/or weekend work best for you to volunteer?

### **Statement of Commitment**

Please read the following Statement of Commitment, initial each section and sign and date the bottom of the statement as marked. This statement signals your commitment to fully participating in this program and fulfilling the responsibilities outlined. **If you are under 18 years of age, a legal guardian will need to sign as well in order for your application to be considered.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) agree to fulfill the following responsibilities according to the deadlines and processes provided by Project Interfaith, Inc. (hereby referred to as Project Interfaith):

1. I will be receiving on loan a flip camera for my use during this project. I agree to use this flip camera solely for filming my video diary and that using this camera for purposes outside the scope of this project is prohibited and may jeopardize my participation in this project. I agree to care for the flip camera and to return it in the condition with which it was loaned to me. **I understand that if the camera is damaged or broken, I am responsible for paying in full for a new camera to replace it.** \_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18, your guardian's initials)
  
2. I agree to give at least 3 hours a week to this program beginning the week of February 14, 2010 through the week of March 21, 2010 and in doing so, I will participate in the following activities:
  - Attend and participate in the orientation dinner from 6:30-8:30 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2010. \_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18, your guardian's initials)
  
  - Volunteer for at least 2 hours a week at the designated service site during the weeks of February 21, February 28, March 7, and March 14, 2010 and abide by the rules of the sites where I am volunteering. \_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18, your guardian's initials)
  
  - Prepare 6 video diary reflections:
    - 1 following the orientation,
    - 1 after the closing meal,
    - and a reflection following each volunteer visit (4 planned visits).

I will send my video reflections to the Project Interfaith staff in the manner outlined at orientation and will contact the staff immediately if I encounter any difficulties with completing these assignments. I realize that not completing and sending the video to Project Interfaith in the time frame and manner specified is grounds for my termination from this project. \_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18, your guardian's initials)

- Attend and participate in the closing meal from 6:30- 8:30 pm on March 25, 2010.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_(if under 18, your guardian’s initials)
- I grant permission to Project Interfaith to photograph, film, videotape or otherwise record me and use my picture, voice, silhouette and other reproductions of my physical likeness (as the same may appear in any still camera photograph and/or motion picture films and/or videotape) in and in connection with this project, on its website, on television or otherwise, of any production in which same may be used or incorporated, and also in the advertising, exploiting and/or publicizing of any such production, including but not limited to television, theatrical motion pictures or video. I also grant Project Interfaith the right to publish, exhibit, display, copyright, license, transfer, edit, or in any other way use in any form, without prior approval, any photographs, transparencies, motion pictures and/or television films or tapes, and any descriptions or transparencies thereof, which contain, in whole or in part, my image, name, voice or material spoken by me, for any purpose whatsoever, including without limitation educational, commercial, trade and pictorial art, with or without my name or any other identification and with or without the names of any other real or fictitious persons. I further give Project Interfaith the right to reproduce in any manner whatsoever any recordings made of my voice and all instrumental, musical, or other sound effects produced by me. I hereby release Project Interfaith, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, associates, successors, licensees, and assigns from any and all liability for damages for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or any other claims based on the publication, exhibition, display, copyright, license, transfer, reproduction, editing, disposition or other use of such photographs, videotapes, films, transparencies, motion pictures, television films or tapes, descriptions or transcriptions or recordings. \_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_(if under 18, your guardian’s initials)
- 3. I understand that I am responsible for securing my own transportation to and from the required meetings and volunteer site(s). \_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_(if under 18, your guardian’s initials)
- 4. I understand that Project Interfaith will not furnish me a computer for downloading my video diaries from home but that I may come to the Project Interfaith office to download my video. I commit to downloading these images by the required deadlines and in the specified format. \_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) \_\_\_\_\_(if under 18, your guardian’s initials)

**I have read and have initialed all the terms of this commitment. By submitting this completed application, I agree that I fully understand the meaning and effect of these terms and that as such I will fulfill all the responsibilities and terms stated in this Statement of Commitment and release Project Interfaith from liability as stated above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you are under 18, you must have your parent or guardian sign the parental consent on the following page for your application to be considered.

**PARENTAL CONSENT**

(If Participant is under 18 yrs)

I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor who signed this form above and I consent and agree to the minor's participation in this program, and to his or her granting to Project Interfaith the rights listed above, and to the release granted above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Relationship to Minor