



## Global Youth Service Day 2011 Youth Advisory Board Application

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 first annual Global Youth Service Day 2011, on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

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 16.

Participation on the Board includes:

- Six meeting sessions for youth, 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 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 on Saturday, April 16, 2011. They will also be required to attend six monthly planning sessions. **These sessions will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on November 9, December 7, January 11, February 8, March 8 and April 5.** Attendance at all six scheduled planning meetings and the Day of Service is mandatory for participation. In addition, students will be required to contribute time outside of these meetings to plan and prepare for the Day of Service. Students will be asked to make this unique opportunity a priority.

As this is a first year event, five positions will be available for youth leaders. 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 and 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 new program! Involvement with the Youth Service Board can play a significant role in the lives of the youth who participate by igniting their desire and ability to make a difference in their community.

**Applications must be received by October 22, 2010**

For more information or to receive an application, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org)  
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**Date of Event:** Saturday, April 16, 2011

**Location:** Across Fairfax County, VA

**Purpose:** To coordinate and implement Fairfax County's first annual Global Youth Service Day 2011, an effort to mobilize over 600 youth (5-25 years old) in more than 30 projects across the community. The Youth Advisory Board will consist of five youth leaders and will meet monthly to discuss recruitment of projects and peers.

*Please type or print legibly:*

<b>Gender</b>		<b>Year in School Fall 2010</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>		

On a separate page, please answer the following questions. Your answers should be typed and should each be no more than one page in length.

1. Why do you want to be part of the Global Youth Service Day 2011 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?

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.

**Please return the application (email preferred) no later than October 22, 2010.**

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