

YAKPC APPLICATION

PLEASE MAKE A COVER PAGE AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: **FIRST AND LAST NAME; ADDRESS** (INCLUDING CITY, STATE, AND ZIP); **BIRTHDATE** (INCLUDING YEAR); **DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER; EMAIL; YOUR SCHOOL/AI GROUP; YOUR GENDER**

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS. PLEASE LIMIT EACH ANSWER TO 2 PARAGRAPHS.

- 1.) WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE YAK PLANNING COMMITTEE AND HOW DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE THESE SKILLS BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY?
- 2.) WHAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AND WHY?
- 3.) DESCRIBE YOUR ACTIVIST AND/OR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES.
- 4.) DESCRIBE YOUR EVENT PLANNING, TRAINING, AND FACILITATION SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES.
- 5.) HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT WORKING IN A TEAM AND WORKING INDIVIDUALLY? HOW HAVE YOU DONE BOTH?
- 6.) WHAT EXPERIENCES LED YOU TO BECOME INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS?
- 7.) HOW HAVE YOU BROUGHT DIVERSITY TO YOUR EXPERIENCES, AND HOW WOULD YOU BRING AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY AT YAK?

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit a letter of recommendation from an AI faculty advisor, group coordinator, or another individual who knows you well and can highlight your leadership skills, experience, and characterize your commitment as a human rights activist.

DEADLINE:
APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED
BY: DECEMBER 30TH, 2005

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Did you fill out the application in its entirety?
- ✓ Did you request a letter of recommendation and include it with your application?
- ✓ Did you write the answers to your essays on a separate piece of paper, and include it with your application?
- ✓ Will you be available February 3rd-5th, 2006 for a retreat in Washington, DC and then conference calls following the retreat?
- ✓ Will you be available to attend YAK in July of 2006?
- ✓ Are you ready to work with other very talented and amazing youth?

If you have answered yes, to all of the above, then you're ready to send in your application! After you send in your application, here are two things you can do right now!

- 1.) Call us: If you are new to Amnesty, we would LOVE to hear from you! Call us up so we can connect you with the Regional Office nearest you!
- 2.) Hook up your friends: Tell your crew about this awesome opportunity to be involved with YAK!



Questions?
Call us at: 202.544.0200 < or > email us at: yak@aiusa.org

Mail all completed registration forms to:
YOUTH ACTIVIST KOLLEGE
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA
ATTN: Tsehaynesh Abebe
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
5th Floor
Washington, DC 20003



APPLICATION



**YAKPC RETREAT
FEBRUARY 3rd-5th, 2006
WASHINGTON, DC**

WHAT IS THE YOUTH ACTIVIST KOLLEGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (YAKPC)?

It's for youth leaders who want to build upon their activism skills and assist Amnesty International USA plan the most innovative summer training program for youth activists!

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The YAKPC will be selected based on criteria that allows for balance and diversity in level of activist experience, education, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, and geographical location. We are looking for youth activists with training, event planning, and group facilitation skills. Applicants should not be entering their last year of college/university in 2005-06, and should be no older than 25.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF A YAKPC MEMBER?

We are looking for passionate youth with creative ideas and an awesome personality, who are interested in human rights and can...

- Work independently and as part of a team.
- Commit up to 5 hours per week working on the Kollege (from February 2006-July 2006).
- Energize and lead a group.
- Attend the YAKPC Retreat in February 3rd-5th, 2006.
- Attend YAK in July 2006 (final date TBA, however it will take place either July 11th-16th 2006 or July 18th-23rd, 2006).
- Participate in conference calls (monthly conference calls March-May, and weekly conference calls June-July).



COST

If you're selected; all travel, food, and accommodation costs associated with the retreat and YAK will be covered. So it's FREE.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The YAKPC Application is on the backside of this brochure. All applications must be received in our office by December 30th, 2005. Applicants will be selected and notified by January 13th, 2006.

YOUTH ACTIVIST HUMAN RIGHTS KOLLEGE ACTIVISM

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AIUSA) STAFF
You will be working alongside and learning from some of the most cutting edge human rights activists in the country!

The YAKPC assists Amnesty International USA plan the most innovative summer training program for youth activists!

