



Dear YES Student:

Greetings from Sister Cities International in Washington, DC!

Attached to this letter you will find application information for attending the **YES Youth Leadership Summit** in Boulder, Colorado, March 13-16, 2008. The YES Youth Leadership Summit is three days of challenging and interactive activities designed to help you find the leader within yourself. The Summit is designed to help students with little previous leadership experience develop their capacity to effectively lead. Our hope is that by the end of the Summit, you will decide what being a leader means to you and how you will use your leadership skills when you return home.

The YES Youth Leadership Summit has only a limited number of spaces. In order to attend, you must apply and be selected. Please note that while you will see other YES students at the Summit, there is very little time just to hang out and chat with them. During the day, you will participate in challenging and fun leadership activities, and the evenings will be spent at home with your Boulder host family. If you are selected, we expect your full participation—both leading up to and during the Summit. The success of the Summit depends on your open and willing participation. We encourage you to apply *ONLY* if you are seriously interested in exploring your leadership potential.

How to apply:

- ☑ Complete the application form
- ☑ Respond to the questions in short answer form. Each answer should be no more than two paragraphs long, typed and double-spaced. Together, your answers should not exceed three pages.
- ☑ Obtain one recommendation from a teacher or a community service leader/mentor (not from a host parent or community representative).
- ☑ Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, November 30, 2007**. Return the application & the letter of recommendation to Mrs. Bethany Rehling, Sister Cities International, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004

Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Bethany Rehling with any questions or concerns you may have about the application process at [brehling@sister-cities.org](mailto:brehling@sister-cities.org) or 202-347-8630 ext. 8252.

We are looking forward to receiving your application!

Warm Regards,

Bethany Rehling  
Sister Cities International





**YES Leadership Summit  
Student Application  
Boulder, Colorado March 2007**

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP Code

**U.S. Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Host Parent Acknowledgement:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge  
Print Name of Host Parent  
that my exchange son or daughter is applying for the YES Youth Leadership Summit to be held in  
Boulder, Colorado March 13-16, 2007. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Host Parent

**How to Apply:**

- Request a recommendation from one teacher or one community service leader or mentor.
- Answer the short answer questions below. Your answers must be typed!
- Return this application and letter of recommendation to: Bethany Rehling, Sister Cities International, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004

**\*\*Deadline:** *This application must be postmarked no later than Friday, November 30, 2007. Applications postmarked after that date will not be considered.\*\**

**Short Answer Questions--** Briefly answer each of the following questions. Each answer should be no more than two paragraphs long, typed and double-spaced. Together, your answers must not exceed three pages.

1. *Explain why you think you should be selected to participate in the YES Leadership Summit.*
2. *Describe a situation where you tried to lead but didn't fully succeed. Do you know why you didn't succeed? What kind of advice would have helped you to lead more successfully?*
3. *Describe an extra-curricular activity or community service project that you participate in regularly. (Examples: sports team, school club, volunteering at a youth center.) How has this experience impacted your life?*
4. *How will participation in the YES Leadership Summit contribute to your future goals?*



**YES LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
2007 TEACHER/COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADER  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**Attention Student:** Please have an adult not related to you complete this form and return it to you in a sealed envelope. Send the sealed envelope along with your application form and essay to Bethany Rehling, Sister Cities International, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004.

Please print or clearly type all information.

**Student's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's home country** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's U.S. host community** \_\_\_\_\_

This student is applying to participate in the YES Youth Leadership Summit in Boulder, CO. The Summit will focus on developing and fostering student's leadership skills with the expectation that the student will use these skills to help better their community both here in the U.S. and back in the student's home country. Please check the areas indicated below, grading the candidate using the provided scale.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
<b>Leadership Ability &amp; Potential</b>				
<b>Maturity</b>				
<b>Initiative (as shown through previous tasks)</b>				
<b>Communication skills (as a speaker and listener)</b>				
<b>Personal Presence (personality, poise)</b>				
<b>Attitude and Flexibility</b>				
<b>Overall Recommendation</b>				

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Please use this space or an extra sheet of paper for additional comments on the applicant:

**Information about the person making this recommendation:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_