



Volunteer San Diego

Youth Leadership Conference

University of San Diego
San Diego, CA

Volunteer San Diego’s Annual Youth Leadership Conference is an interactive day of workshops and trainings geared to ignite and enhance the leadership qualities in San Diego’s young people. Every 8th – 12th grade student in the county is eligible to apply to attend this daylong event.

Each student will attend 3 workshops throughout the day, and will be able to choose from several different topics each time. Workshops will be 55-minute interactive sessions, facilitated by youth and adult presenters from San Diego. Workshops will feature topics such as: What Makes a Leader?, Public Speaking Skills, How to Plan a Service Project, The Power of Youth Voice, How to be a Better Citizen Through Humane Education, Fundraising, Diversity Education, and others.

What is the Youth Leadership Conference:

The Youth Leadership Conference is an event held by Volunteer San Diego which provides opportunities and resources for youth whom want to make a change in society. Participants will meet other student leaders in the community, learn about project planning, and engage in discussion on different aspects of youth service and leadership. At the Youth Leadership Conference, those attending listen to presenters, ask questions, participate in educational activities, collect resources (books, handouts, flyers) and meet others that that have similar interests in the community. The Youth Leadership Conference is a great place to ask questions, and learn about issues that are most important to YOUTH.

What is an Agency Fair:

The morning of the conference, non-profits will set up a booth during registration and will be available to talk with students and pass out information related to their program. You will be able to learn about internships, volunteer opportunities and job opportunities available to high school and college graduates. Here, students are able to talk one-on-one with the people who work every day to make San Diego a better place, to live work and play.

Time	Activity
8:30-8:55 am	Agency Fair and Registration
9:00 – 9:40 am	Opening
9:45 – 10:40 am	Workshop Session 1
10:45 – 11:40 am	Workshop Session 2
11:45 – 12:25 pm	Lunch
12:35 – 1:30 pm	Workshop Session 3
1:30 pm	Dismissal

For more information on the VSD Youth Leadership Conference contact:
Questions? Contact Jamie S. Dent at
858.636.4168 or jdent@volunteersandiego.org



APPLICATION

This year's conference will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at the Peace & Justice Center at the University of San Diego, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Applicants must commit to attending the entire day in order to be eligible for acceptance.

There are two things you need in order to apply: **DEADLINE EXTENDED!! Applications must be received by Friday, February 10th, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.**

- 1) Application – Please complete the questions on the next page, telling us why YOU are the perfect candidate for the conference.
- 2) Letter of Recommendation (Maximum 1 page) - Recommendations should include the following information:
 - Relationship to student
 - Reason for recommendation of student
 - Examples of leadership exemplified by the student and/or student's potential for leadership.

Recommendations may be written by any number of people, including but not limited to: Teachers, Agency Representatives, After-School Program Leaders, Coaches, Mentors, Employers, Religious Leaders, or other non-family members.

If you are accepted to attend the conference, there will be a \$15 fee to attend. Through an established partnership with San Diego City Schools (SDCS), the first 100 students from SDCS district to be accepted will have this fee waived. In addition, Volunteer San Diego offers need-based scholarships. Please contact Jamie Dent at 858.636.4168 or jdent@volunteersandiego.org for more information.

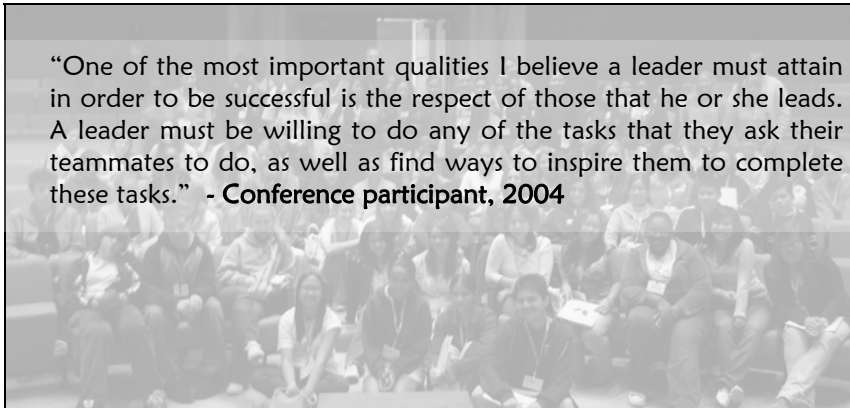
IMPORTANT DATES

Applications and letters of recommendation due
Participant notification

DEADLINE EXTENDED!!
Friday, February 10, 2006
Tuesday, February 14, 2006

If accepted, you will be expected to attend the entire conference, from 8:30am – 1:30pm on February 28, as well as provide your own transportation to and from the University of San Diego's Peace & Justice Center. You must complete all necessary forms at your school or district (i.e. field trip forms and/or excuse from class forms)

Participating in the Volunteer San Diego Youth Leadership Conference will challenge and expand your skills as a leader and as an advocate of service in San Diego. This informative and educational day is made possible because of the Presenters, Volunteer San Diego staff, San Diego City Schools (SDCS) staff, generous use of space from University of San Diego, and the time of dedicated volunteers.



“One of the most important qualities I believe a leader must attain in order to be successful is the respect of those that he or she leads. A leader must be willing to do any of the tasks that they ask their teammates to do, as well as find ways to inspire them to complete these tasks.” - **Conference participant, 2004**

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Keep page 1 and 2 for your records



Please type or print legibly in ink:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Please note any special needs (eg: vegetarian meal, no peanuts): _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS – Please choose 2 questions from below and answer on a separate page (Max 2 Pages).

- How do you define service and leadership? Please include specific qualities of both.

- Provide details on your past service and/or leadership experiences.

- Why do you want to attend the Volunteer San Diego Youth Leadership Conference? What do you hope to gain?

- How do you see service and leadership fitting into your life?

“Being a leader means recognizing passion, authenticity, integrity, and ethics as cornerstones of effective leadership upon which we lay the foundation to bring about change. Being a leader means knowing who you are at the deepest level. But great leadership also requires you to serve and to work with others. By working with others, you set an example of how you should be working. A leader cannot expect to be followed if he cannot follow.” - **Conference participant, 2004**



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Submit this page with your application materials

Statement of Commitment

I, (Please Print Name) _____, and my parent and/or legal guardian have discussed and reviewed these materials regarding the VSD Youth Leadership Conference to be held February 28, 2006. I understand that, if accepted, I will be acting as a representative of my school, and will conduct my behavior accordingly. I commit to:

- show up on time to the Youth Leadership Conference and will stay for the entire time that it is scheduled.
- securing my own transportation to and from the Youth Leadership Conference.
- participating fully in the Conference and all workshop activities.
- make all necessary arrangements with my school regarding my absence for the day of the Conference.

Waiver of Liability

I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators, to be legally bound hereby and waive, release, and forever discharge Volunteer San Diego and its nonprofit partner agencies, its officers and directors, members, partners, funders, employees, agents, and volunteers ("Releasees") from any and all liability, causes of action, suits, proceedings, damages, judgments, claims and demands whatsoever arising out of my child's participation at the Volunteer San Diego Youth Leadership Conference or in any Volunteer San Diego related activity.

I am aware and agree that there are inherent risks of injury to my child, my child's property and third parties arising from attending the Volunteer San Diego Youth Leadership Conference, and which may be performed by my child as a Volunteer San Diego attendee.

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in all activities through Volunteer San Diego and expressly and specifically acknowledge that those activities may involve (a) physical activity (including without limitation work with heavy tools and materials), (b) contact with unidentified and unfamiliar persons, (c) travel to and from various unspecified locations, and (d) other potential risk of injury. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, I willingly and freely assume all such risk and damage to person or property arising there from, whether or not resulting from negligence, and agree to release Volunteer San Diego and its Releasees from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may arise out of or in connection with my child's attendance at Volunteer San Diego's Youth Leadership Conference.

Photo Release

I hereby give my permission to Volunteer San Diego, their Releasees and to the photographer, my free and unlimited consent and permission to publish/broadcast, republish/rebroadcast or exhibit in the furtherance of their work, with or without identification of me or my child by name, any photographs, videos or audios of my child, that have been obtained from his/her participation in Volunteer San Diego or Students Actively Volunteering for You (SAVY) activities. I furthermore waive any and all claims for any compensation by reason thereof or for damages for reasons thereof.

I attest that I am over 18 years of age, and I warrant that I have legal authority to execute this agreement on my child or legal ward's behalf. I attest that my child's attendance and involvement in such activities is fully voluntary, and that I am allowing my child to participate at his or her own risk. I have read the foregoing Waiver and Release, and I hereby give my express consent to the execution of this release and will not revoke my consent.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

DEADLINE EXTENDED!!

Submit your application and letter of recommendation by February 10, 2006 to:

Volunteer San Diego Youth Leadership Conference
4699 Murphy Canyon Rd., San Diego, CA 92123
Or fax to: 858.492.2016

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