



Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit

Vision: The Leadership Summit exists to empower youth with the knowledge and tools to become civically engaged while improving the quality of life in their communities.

Mission: To engage students in civic activities. Engagement will be accomplished through three separate activities: (1) workshops, such as the political process, and professional development (2) speakers who will discuss civic engagement and its relevance to the students and (3) an ongoing mission, Project Citizen.

The YMCA Civic Engagement Initiative describes civic engagement as:
*a person's capacity to work with others to affect common interests, to see oneself as a stakeholder in public life, to value the mechanisms for democratic decision making and to believe that individuals have a responsibility to contribute to their communities*¹.

Youth involvement in the political process will provide a different voice for the direction of our country. As the future of our country, youth will help shape the policies and culture of this nation. It is important that this is understood so the thoughts and views of a few do not dictate the destiny of the majority. Youth should be empowered to take control of their destiny, and that of their heirs.

Our goal is to change attitudes. Research shows that citizens are more likely to participate in public life if they believe their participation matters and feel a sense of connection to their community². Among students, civic engagement also increases self-confidence, academic performance, student and staff morale, and parental and community involvement at school. It also reduces school discipline problems³. We will equip students that participate in this process with the ability to become progressive change agents. Ideally, they will act as catalysts for their community as a whole to create civic change.

1 (n.d.) *What is Civic Engagement?* Retrieved October 5, 2005, from YMCA Civic Engagement Web site: <http://www.ymcavicengagement.org/assets/ceguide/CEGuideExecutiveSummary.pdf>

2 Carpini, M (n.d.) *The Youth Engagement Initiative*. Retrieved January 19, 2005, from The Pew Charitable Trust Web site: http://www.pewtrusts.com/misc_html/pp_youth_strategy_paper.cfm#problem

3 (n.d.) *Frequently Asked Questions*. Retrieved January 19, 2005, from Do Something Web site: <http://www.dosomething.org/about/faq.php#I>



Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit Student Application

Requirements/Checklist

1. Student must have a minimum 2.5/4.0 grade point average (GPA).
2. Student must obtain two forms of reference.
 - a. One academic recommendation from a respective school teacher. See attached reference form.
 - b. One extracurricular recommendation from a community or after school program. See attached reference form.
3. Signed parental support form.
4. Professional attire is required during summit and pre-summit meetings unless otherwise advised.
5. Student Resume – Please see the attached example. The resume worksheet may also aid you in composing your resume, but should not be included with your completed application. It only serves as a tool to help you complete your resume.
6. A one to two page double spaced essay. 10 or 12 point Times New Roman font should be used to address the following statement:
“Describe a problem in your community and how you would solve it.”
7. Applications must be postmarked by December 11, 2009.
8. **Selected students must attend the following meetings prior to the summit: January 9, 2010, February 6, 2010, March 13, 2010, and April 10, 2010.**



The Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit

Application Instructions

Thank you for applying to the Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit scheduled for Spring 2010. To be considered you must submit a completed application including this form, your student resume, two references, and an essay **postmarked no later than December 11, 2009**. Please mail all applications to:

The Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit
Attn: Carlton Williams
7174 Ogontz Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19138

APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE MAIL.

Please type, or use black or blue ink to complete your application. Please print unless indicated to sign. Please follow all directions carefully.

All questions should be directed to Denise Holloway or Sabrina Holloway in the office of State Representative Dwight Evans at (215) 549-0220.

This application is also available online at www.pahouse.com/Evans. However, completed applications must be submitted to the above address.

References

Please include two reference forms with your completed application. Each reference should be submitted in a sealed envelope, and signed on the back flap by the person recommending you. The first recommendation should come from a teacher or administrator that is familiar with your academic success. The second recommendation should come from someone that directs the extracurricular activity in which you participate. Some examples would include a work or volunteer supervisor, after school club advisor, or clergy member.

Essay

The following statement must be addressed: **“Describe a problem in your community and how you would solve it.”** Please pay special attention to the statement to be considered, be sure to respond to the given thought. Your essay should be no more than two pages, and double spaced. 10 or 12 point Times New Roman font must be used. Your essay will be evaluated based on content, style, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Student Resume

Please feel free to duplicate the structure of the example resume provided in the packet. Your resume should be no more than one page. The worksheet should not be included with your completed application. It only serves as a tool to help you complete your resume.

Interview

All students who submit a completed application must be interviewed to be considered for participation in the Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit.

Please Follow All Directions Carefully.

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Biographical Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Gender

Male

Female

Date of Birth

Address

Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

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Home Phone

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Mobile Phone

Professional E-mail Address

Parent or Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian #1

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to You

Address

Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

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Home Phone

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Mobile Phone

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Work Phone

E-mail Address

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Parent/Guardian #2

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First Name		Last Name	

Relationship to You			
_____			_____
Address			Apt. #
_____		_____	_____
City		State	Zip Code
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Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
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Work Phone		E-mail Address	

Academic Information

High School Name		

High School Address		
_____		_____
City		Zip Code
_____		_____
State		_____
Zip Code		
Current Grade Level	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th	<input type="checkbox"/> 10th
	<input type="checkbox"/> 11th	<input type="checkbox"/> 12th
GPA	_____ /4.0	Intended Profession _____

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Extracurricular Activities

Starting with your present or most recent position(s) list and briefly describe any extracurricular or volunteer activities in which you are currently, or have previously participated.

#1

Organization Name

City/State

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Supervisor

Phone

Dates of Participation

From

Month/Year

To

Month/Year

Hours/Week

Position

Duties

#2

Organization Name

City/State

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Supervisor

Phone

Dates of Participation

From

Month/Year

To

Month/Year

Hours/Week

Position

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Duties _____

#3

Organization Name

City/State

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Supervisor

Phone

Dates of Participation

From

Month/Year

To

Month/Year

Hours/Week

Position

Duties _____

#4

Organization Name

City/State

()

Supervisor

Phone

Dates of Participation

From

Month/Year

To

Month/Year

Hours/Week

Position

Duties _____

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Signature Page

I have read the Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit Application in its entirety and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained within this application is true and accurate.

In addition, I have read and understand that I am to attend all the pre-summit meeting dates listed (1/9/10, 2/6/10, 3/13/10, & 4/10/10).

Applicant Signature

Date

All questions should be directed to Denise Holloway or Sabrina Holloway in the office of State Representative Dwight Evans at 215-549-0220.



Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit Parental Support Form

The Dwight Evans Civic Leadership was created to develop future leaders as well as give students the opportunity to have their views and voices heard. As a parent/guardian of a participating student, we ask for your support in making this a successful and life changing process. To do this we ask for your support in several different ways:

1. Encourage students to make every effort to complete the Dwight Evans Civic Leadership Summit process.
2. Encourage students to act with responsibility in completing set assignments.
3. Attend Orientation (**January 9, 2010**) and the Saturday Summit (May 2010).
4. Provide moral support to students as they complete their Project Citizen assignments.

Please sign and acknowledge that you have reviewed the above information. By signing, you agree to support your child in the above fashions.

Parent Signature

Date