

**APPLICATION
DISTRICT COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES
And
Pre-registration for Youth Assembly, July 28 – 31, 2011**

Qualifications and Requirements

Who Can Apply?

1. Anyone who is currently in the 6th through 11th grades.
2. Applicants must also be active in their local church and be recommended by their pastor.

What is involved?

1. Attendance requirements and meeting schedules vary from district to district, but membership on all district youth councils is a commitment of personal time and leadership. Members are expected to attend all DCOYM meetings and programs. In addition, six youth from each district will be elected to serve on the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCOYM), which meets four times per year. Elected OFFICERS at the District and Conference level must be confirmed members of their local churches.
2. The year begins with participation in **Youth Assembly**, a mandatory, 4-day weekend leadership training and teambuilding camp July 28 - 31 at Lake Louise UM Camp in Boyne Falls, MI. The cost per camper is \$155 minus any costs that may be paid by your district youth council (these vary from district to district.) Scholarship money may also be available through your local church.
3. As a member of DCOYM you will be a representative of the District Council. Some responsibilities of this representation are contacting churches in your area, assisting in the planning and implementation of district events, and presenting a positive image for the district youth council and youth in ministry in your church and community. **This would include your responsibilities in academics, sports, and other school activities.** As a member of the council you may also be responsible for contacting other council members for information on events or meeting details.
4. Members 16 and older are required to be certified under the West Michigan Conference Abuse Prevention Training standards (we will help you fulfill this requirement).

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Address _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

D.O.B: _____ Grade (this year): _____ Male ___ Female ___ Church: _____ Member? _____

Personal Commitment:

1. Do you understand the requirements and responsibilities listed above and are you willing to fulfill these responsibilities?

2. Are you committed to attending Youth Assembly July 28 to 31, 2011? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, please explain:

3. List the ways you're active in your local church:

4. List any school and extracurricular involvements and the seasons in which they take place:

5. Are you willing to live out your commitment to Jesus Christ in Christian service as a representative of your local church and in ministry to the youth of your district?

- 6. Share briefly where you are in your faith journey and your commitment to Christ.
- 7. Please state briefly why you wish to serve on the DCOYM and attend Youth Assembly.

8. Have you attended Youth Assembly before?

9. If you are 16 or older, are you willing to complete the Abuse Prevention certification process? _____

10. Please have your Pastor write a short note of reference in the space provided:

Pastor's Signature _____

 I understand that in applying for DCOYM membership I am expected to attend Youth Assembly, the District youth events, and all DCOYM meetings.

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Please send *this application* to your District Youth Coordinator ASAP:

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Please send your *Camp Registration Form* and payments (made out to "West Michigan Conference Treasurer") to the District Youth Coordinator ASAP:

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