

To: Adult – Youth Leaders

Fr: Felicity DeBacco-Erni
Director, PAUD/PA SADD

Date: July 2010

Re: Youth Leadership Institute Fall 2010

Youth have been actively involved with changing how Pennsylvanian elected officials respond to underage drinking. PA SADD & the PA DUI Association will host the 2010 *Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Institute & Youth Training and Rally Day*. This youth leadership training program is scheduled for October 26-27, 2010, and we encourage you to consider participating. Funding for this effort is being provided by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program.

This training, being held in Harrisburg, will focus on environmental strategies to reduce underage drinking, leadership development, and the key leadership role these youth can play in their communities! This will be a working group, one with many responsibilities for both October 26th and for the 10th Annual Youth Rally Day to be held on October 27, 2010, where they will serve as youth trainers. If selected the students need to understand that this program requires their commitment for both of these days October 26 - 27, 2010, and could require some other travel obligations during the year. If they are already active in school and community organizations, it is important they understand the time and commitment the leadership opportunity could add to their demands. Academic success needs to be the number one priority of the youth and should not be jeopardized at anytime.

Attached you will find the nomination form for the *2010 Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Institute*. Applications with all attachments must be received by September 30, 2010—no exceptions. Applications can be mailed to YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, 2413 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, faxed to 717-238-6211, or emailed to Felicity DeBacco-Erni at fdebacco@padui.org please put YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING in the subject line.

Please understand that it will be a great honor and privilege for these youth to be selected to represent their schools, communities and our state in this training.

Requirements to be nominated:

1. Youth must be 15-17 years old in the 2010-2011 school year. It is not necessary that the youth be a senior.

2. Youth must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with both their school and their advisor.
3. If accepted, youth must sign a contract regarding expected behavior and responsibilities.
4. All youths must be able to attend the **mandatory** training: October 26-27, 10 in Harrisburg, PA. Cost of the training sessions, ****overnight lodging and ***meals** will be provided. Transportation costs are not included. Youth will need to work with their adult sponsor to provide transportation. Training will begin at 1:00 PM AM (*Sharp*) - 9:00 PM on October 26th and begin at 7:45 AM on October 27, 2010 concluding at 12:30 PM.
5. Youth will need to commit to attending local underage drinking coalition meetings in their communities.
6. Youth will need to attend one other training session during the year. This training can include the following examples: PA SADD Conference, Tobacco Training, or other related training.
7. All youth must have adult sponsorship; who must also attend the training days. Adult training, meals and overnight accommodation will also be provided.
8. It is preferred that recommendations made to this training institute be made in groups (2-3 students) with an adult sponsor. Group can be defined as 2-3 students from a school, community group, SADD Chapter, with a common link and common adult sponsor.
9. This training is limited to 20 Youth Participants.

Please remember—as the advisor of these youth—we depend on you for the strength of these nominations. These students represent you as well as the supporting agencies. We rely on your years of knowledge and experience to select the best candidates for this nomination.

**** Youth will be rooming with other youth of the same gender. Youth should expect to have up to 4 students per overnight room.**

*****Youth will be provided the following on Tuesday, October 26-snacks in the afternoon, dinner, and evening snacks. Wednesday October 27 they will be provided breakfast and lunch. Students will need to provide lunch for themselves on Tuesday, October 26th.**

Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Institute 2010
October 26-27, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel Harrisburg PA – October 26, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel Harrisburg PA- October 27, 2010

Nomination Form

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: (Include Cell #) _____

School: _____

Grade for 2010-2011 School Year: _____ Age: _____

Allergies or dietary needs _____

Participating Adult Sponsor: (Include name, address, phone & email) _____

Why do you care about the alcohol issue?

What role do you believe youth should play in creating community change?

What do you believe prevents youth from being vocal on alcohol issues (i.e. what barriers, challenges)?

Other than drinking and driving, what do you feel is the biggest alcohol issue youth face?

On the subject of substance abuse problems/issues how would you prioritize alcohol abuse/misuse?

Please give an example of leadership work you have participated in to reduce underage drinking in your school or community.
