



LEADERSHIP FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Dear Youth Leader or Parent:

The annual Youth Advance Seminar will be held this year on March 23-25. If you're concerned about today's young people and the future of the Lord's church, Youth Advance is the one event you don't want your teens to miss. This year's featured speaker will be Rick Hazelip, Youth Minister for the North Atlanta church of Christ in Atlanta, Georgia. The seminar will again provide the instruction, motivation, and encouragement that has come to represent what Youth Advance is all about.

Youth Advance began with a goal of identifying the most outstanding teenage leaders in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Churches of Christ, bringing them together, and training them to become more involved in the lives of others. Over the past 25 years, almost one thousand students have benefited from the instruction, fellowship, and motivation they have received at Youth Advance. Upon returning to their home congregations, Youth Advance participants, called "Ambassadors," share these blessings with their youth group and their entire congregation. If you have young people who have attended Youth Advance before, you know what a life-changing event it is.

However, Youth Advance is not for everyone, and we depend on Youth Leaders to help identify the kind of Ambassadors we're looking for. We ask for nominations of only the top young men and women from your congregation—and only those in grades 10 through 12. Specifically, Youth Advance looks for those who are already leaders, and seeks to strengthen and hone their skills and abilities even further.

As always, we ask that Ambassadors be nominated by their home congregation. Youth Leaders and/or parents can do this by filling out the enclosed Ambassador Registration form. This form gives us the necessary information to begin registering the student. The Ambassador Application (enclosed) must be completed by the student and signed by a parent or guardian. Applicants are required to complete a brief essay, and to obtain two references as well. Please read the enclosed forms carefully. Make as many copies of the Ambassador Application and Letter of Reference forms as you need.

The seminar will again be held at the Homewood Suites Hotel in Malvern, PA, providing participants with some of the area's top accommodations. The all-inclusive fee is \$215 per Ambassador, and a minimum deposit of \$50 (nonrefundable) is required when an Ambassador Registration form is submitted. Many congregations have worked Youth Advance into their annual budgets, thus providing the necessary funds to sponsor, or partially sponsor, students. If your congregation hasn't done this, please talk with your church leaders. **The deadline for receiving all forms is Friday, March 9, 2007. We anticipate a full seminar this year, so please register early. Space is limited.** Once a student has been registered and the requirements of the Ambassador Application have been fulfilled, a letter of confirmation will be mailed to both you and the Ambassador outlining all the details of the Seminar.

Youth Advance begins Friday morning, March 23. Registration is 10:00-11:00 AM, meaning that students will need to miss one day of school. Upon request, we would be happy to write a letter to school principals asking for an excused absence for your student(s).

If you have any questions about Youth Advance or the registration process, please feel free to get in touch with one of the contacts below. We look forward to meeting your Ambassadors at Youth Advance 2007!

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Ambassador Registration Form

\$215 per Ambassador

\$50 nonrefundable deposit and registration due by March 9, 2007

Make checks payable to: Youth Advance Seminar

Send to: Dorene Helton, 4060 Suncrest Lane, Bethlehem, PA 18020

(Please feel free to make as many copies of this form as are necessary)

Congregation Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Youth Leader: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Ambassador:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

\$50 deposit enclosed (non-refundable): _____ Paid In Full (\$215): _____

Please give a short description of the participant, and your reasons for recommending him or her:

Ambassador:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

\$50 deposit enclosed (non-refundable): _____ Paid In Full (\$215): _____

Please give a short description of the participant, and your reasons for recommending him or her:

(Additional registration space is provided on the back of this form)

Additional Ambassadors

Ambassador:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

\$50 deposit enclosed (non-refundable): _____ Paid In Full (\$215): _____

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Ambassador:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

\$50 deposit enclosed (non-refundable): _____ Paid In Full (\$215): _____

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

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Ambassador Application

Please complete the following before submitting your application:

- Ambassador Application—completed and signed by student.
- Letter of recommendation from one of the following: Minister, Elder, or Bible Class Teacher.
- Letter of recommendation from one of the following: Principal or Teacher.
- Ambassador Essay, typewritten (details on back).
- Signature of parent or guardian.
- Mail all items to: Dorene Helton, 4060 Suncrest Lane, Bethlehem, PA 18020.
This form and all supporting documents are due by March 9, 2007.

Ambassador's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____ E-mail address: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Male Female Home congregation: _____

Father's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency contact if parents cannot be reached: _____

Emergency contact home phone: _____ Emergency contact work phone: _____

Have you been to Youth Advance before: Yes No List year(s) attended: _____

Youth Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Youth Leader e-mail address: _____

How did you find out about Youth Advance? _____

Who is providing your Youth Advance registration fee? (For statistical purposes only)

- My home congregation is providing \$ _____
- My parents are providing \$ _____
- I am personally providing \$ _____
- Other: _____

Please note: Youth Advance begins on Friday morning, March 23 (registration is from 10:00 to 11:00 AM). This necessitates that each Ambassador will miss a day of school. Do you need Youth Advance to write a letter to your principal requesting an excused absence for Friday, March 23, 2007? Yes No

Principal's Name: _____ Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

School Name: _____ School Phone: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(Application continued on back)

Ambassador Application, continued

Ambassador Essay:

On a separate sheet of paper, please TYPE a brief essay (100 words or less) describing your leadership roles in your congregation, community, and school. Also, please explain why you want to attend Youth Advance. Essays will be scanned into a computer using character recognition software. Please submit essay on plain white paper using a plain typeface like "Times" or "Helvetica."

Parent's and student's signatures are required:

I, the undersigned, am a parent or legal guardian of _____ (the "Applicant"), and I hereby give my approval and consent for the Applicant to attend and participate in the Youth Advance Seminar on March 23-25, 2007. I hereby relieve Youth Advance of Delaware Valley Inc. from any and all liability and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold Youth Advance of Delaware Valley Inc., its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and chaperones ("Youth Advance") harmless from any and all claims and liability for sicknesses, injuries, accidents of any nature or cause whatsoever including, but not limited to, injuries caused by negligence of Youth Advance. I hereby give my consent for Youth Advance to authorize any and all emergency care necessary for the treatment of the Applicant while attending Youth Advance Seminar.

Is your child currently taking any medications? Yes No (If yes, please list details at the bottom of the page)

Is your child allergic to any medications? Yes No (If yes, please list details at the bottom of the page)

Parent's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date



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Letter of Recommendation

Ambassador: A total of two letters of recommendation are required.

- One from your Minister, Elder, or Bible Class Teacher
- One from your Principal or Teacher.

Instructions:

1. Make as many copies of this form as you need.
2. Complete step #1 below.
3. Give a copy of this form and a pre-addressed, stamped envelope to the person making the recommendation. Address the envelope to: Dorene Helton, 4060 Suncrest Lane, Bethlehem, PA 18020.
4. Letters of Recommendation need to be received by March 9, 2007.

1. To be completed by the Ambassador:

Ambassador's Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2. To be completed by the person making the recommendation:

Your Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Your relation to the student: Minister Bible Class Teacher Elder
 High School Teacher School Principal

The student listed above has been nominated by their church to attend the 2007 Youth Advance Seminar. This seminar seeks to identify and train Christian students who are already leaders in their church and/or school, or who show strong potential to become a leader. Youth Advance is a nonprofit organization with a mission of training and equipping leaders for service in the church and community.

In your opinion...

- Does the student listed above display leadership qualities? Yes No
 Is the student a positive example to his or her peers? Yes No
 Would you recommend that the student attend Youth Advance? Yes No

Please use the back of this form for any additional pertinent comments you might have. Thank you for your assistance!

Signature of person giving reference: _____

Date _____

Please return this Letter of Recommendation in the envelope provided or mail to:
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