Kentucky YMCA Youth Association

SERVICE TO THE WORLD

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Trip Dates: May 25- June 8, 2013

Application Deadline: September 14, 2012

Fundraising Amount: $3,800-$4,000

Eligibility: Kentucky YMCA alumni, who are *at least one full year out of high school* at the time of the application deadline, may apply.

Procedure: Please *TYPE* and submit your completed application to beth@kyymca.org. You will receive confirmation from the Kentucky YMCA office once your application has been received. You may be contacted by Kentucky YMCA staff for further information. The 2013 Service to the World team will be announced on September 28th, 2012. Check our website and alumni Facebook page for further updates.

A Tip: As you complete this application, the best advice we can give you is to BE YOURSELF. We’re trying to put together the very best *team* we can assemble. This means, insofar as we are able, we want to see your personality in these answers. So be professional, but do not take yourself too seriously. If you have any questions, email them to beth@kyymca.org or contact the Kentucky YMCA office. Good luck!

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Primary Phone:

E-mail:

Current School/Grad Date:

-OR-

Current Employer/Occupation:

Social Security No:

Passport No:

YMCA HISTORY

*As a Delegate*

 Dates of Program Participation (list the years):

Conferences Attended (mark all that apply): KYA KUNA GFI LTC CONA Y-CORPS

*As a Volunteer*

Dates of Conference Volunteering (list the years):

Conferences You Have Served (mark all that apply): KYA KUNA GFI LTC Y-CORPS

*YMCA Employment History*

Are you or have you ever been a YMCA employee?

 YMCA Name:

 Your Position:

 Years Employed:

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Short Answer: *Please respond in 125 words or fewer*.

1. Do you have any International Travel Experience?

 If so, please briefly describe when, where, and why you were traveling; as well as the challenges and rewards your travel afforded.

If not, please describe your understanding the challenges and rewards of international travel.

1. Briefly describe yourself and your experiences.
2. Please describe your current community involvement, service, and /or leadership activities (within the past three years).
3. Talk about a time you were in an extremely uncomfortable situation and how you responded.
4. Tell us about your most treasured childhood toy.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Short Essay: *Please respond in 300 words or fewer*.

1. What is your primary interest in serving on this team? How will this experience factor into your broader life plans and/or goals?
2. What is your understanding of the socio-political environment of South Africa? What challenges do you expect to face in doing YMCA service work in this part of the world?
3. As an American service volunteer in South Africa: what do you have to give? What do you have to gain?
4. What are you anticipating enjoying the most about this program and this trip? What are your fears or concerns about it?
5. What dynamic would you bring to this service team? What role do you see yourself playing? *(Be personal. This is the perfect opportunity for you to showcase your individual talents and teamwork abilities; not to drop buzzwords and regurgitate Leadership 101.)*

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

By submitting this application to the Kentucky YMCA, I agree to comply with all team requirements should I be selected. I understand that failure or inability to meet these requirements may result in my removal from the team. These requirements include but are not limited to:

* Completing all required reading and video assignments
* Raising the required funding by the following deadlines:
	+ 1st Installment—Friday December 17, 2012
	+ 2nd Installment—Friday, April 1, 2013
* Participating in all group events: discussions, email threads, fundraising events, and a minimum of three (3) pre-conference acculturation meetings
* Complying with ALL Kentucky YMCA International’s program policies.