



**2009 NCYC Youth Animator
Formation Program
July 24-26, 2009
Kansas City**



Purpose

The Youth Animators Formation Program is designed to form young people to take lead roles in general session programming at the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference, especially as prayer leaders. The hope is that young people may also apply the skills and knowledge gained as Youth Animators to roles in their parishes and schools.

Eligibility

The Youth Animator Formation Program is open to young people who meet the following requirements:

- Must be entering/in high school in fall 2009
- Must be planning to attend the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City
- Must be able to participate in the Youth Animator Formation Program in Kansas City
- Open to participating in selected areas of NCYC ministry: song, dance/movement, and oral proclamations

Requirements

- Attendance and participation in all sessions during the formation program. (Program begins at noon on Friday, July 24, and concludes at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.)
- Presence in Kansas City at the Sprint Center by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 for the beginning of rehearsals and sound checks through 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2009. (Youth must be chaperoned in accordance with their diocesan youth protection policies.)
- Participation in all assignments given during the formation program.

Applicants do NOT need to be “professionals” or to have had any previous training in the areas in which they wish to primarily participate. All that is required is a commitment to do their best and follow the instructions of the formation team. All youth selected to be animators will be asked to sing and perform basic dance steps whether or not it is their primary area of ministry.

Application Process and Deadline

The application includes an application form, audition video/DVD of five minutes or less, and a letter of reference from a parish or diocesan leader. Completed applications must be submitted by April 15. Applications are not considered complete unless all items are included and the application form is signed by the applicant’s parent/guardian **AND** diocesan NCYC group leader.

Selection Criteria/Process

Materials will be reviewed by the three-person NCYC Program Team, who will also act as formation team leaders. Selection will be based on the combination of application essay question responses, audition video/ DVD, and personal recommendations. Preference in selection will be given to young people from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Archdiocese of Kansas City first, then Region 9 (the dioceses in the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska), and then the remainder of the country. Approximately 80 young people will be accepted for the program. Young people will be informed in writing of their application status on/about June 1, 2009. If accepted, notification will include details of where the program is being held and how to pay registration fee along with required permission and release forms.

Registration Fee

The fee for the Youth Animator Formation Program is \$250 per student. The fee includes the following formation weekend items: double occupancy dorm/retreat-style housing, seven meals (starting with lunch on Friday and concluding with lunch on Sunday), assorted snacks, music, and instruction, as well as complimentary NCYC registration and six meals during NCYC (three breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner). Animators will also receive a commemorative youth animator t-shirt. Chaperones are asked to pay \$125 to cover the cost of their meals and double occupancy housing during the formation program.

NOTE:REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE REFUNDED FOLLOWING THE 2009 NCYC PROVIDED ANIMATOR HAS PARTICIPATED AS SCHEDULED.

Additional Fees

Items not part of the registration fee include, but are not limited to: transportation to or within Kansas City for either the formation program or NCYC, hotel accommodations for NCYC (Wednesday to Sunday), meals not listed as included, and chaperone expenses for NCYC.

Sponsors

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and the Office of Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City are the sponsors of the 2009 NCYC Youth Animators Formation Program with support from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.



NCYC Youth Animator Formation Program Application Form

*No application will be considered complete
without all required information*



Instructions

Completed applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2009**. All potential participants must complete and send the following to be considered:

- Completed Application Form
- Audition video or DVD of **no more than 5 minutes**, including samples of singing, dance/movement, and proclamation. Selections of music, movement, and proclamation are the choice of the applicant.
- Letter of Reference from a diocesan or parish leader.

All materials must be sent to: **Youth Animator Program**
ATTN: Marilee Mahler
4161 Dynasty Drive
Minnetonka MN 55345

Personal Information

Full Name: _____ Male Female

Nickname (how you wish to be addressed): _____

Diocese: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade entering in fall 2009: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ministerial Information

Please check any and all that apply to you. Even if you are not primarily a singer, please check your vocal range, if known.

Singer Lector Actor Dancer/Movement

Vocal Range: Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Unsure

Do you read music? Yes No

Do you sing in a school or parish choir? Yes No

Are you a cantor? Yes No

Do you take/have you taken dance lessons? Yes No

Are you/have you been part of a school/parish or private dance troupe? Yes No

Are you/have you been part of a drama club/acting troupe? Yes No

All participants will be required to participate in a primary area of ministry. Please prioritize the following to indicate your top choice of ministry for NCYC – #1 being first preference and #3 being least preferred.

_____ Choir _____ Movement/Dance _____ Proclamation of the Word

4. We would like to know about your faith life and your relationship with God. Please share with us (as much as you are comfortable doing so) some of your spiritual journey.
5. In addition to planning and leading prayer and worship at the National Catholic Youth Conference in November 2009, this formation program is dedicated to empowering young people to make a difference in their parishes, schools, and in their future as ministers and leaders. What do you hope to learn during this experience and what do you hope to bring back to your community?

Parental/Guardian Acknowledgment

I, _____, acknowledge that I support my child's application for participation in the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference Youth Animator Formation Program. I understand that acceptance into the program will require, among other things, the payment of a \$250 registration fee, transportation for my child to Kansas City for the formation program in July and NCYC in November, and hotel accommodations in Kansas City for Wednesday, November 18, which will not likely be included in our diocesan NCYC package. I understand that it is my responsibility to coordinate my child's participation with his/her NCYC diocesan group leader.

Signature

Date

Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry Acknowledgment

I, _____, acknowledge that I support this application for participation in the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference Youth Animator Formation Program. I understand that should _____ be accepted into the program that he/she will need to arrive in Kansas City on Wednesday, November 18 in sufficient time to arrive at the Sprint Center by 6:00 p.m. and remain until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21. I understand he/she will need to be at the convention facility at least 30 minutes prior to doors opening each morning and may need to remain until 30 minutes following the end of each general session. I agree to work with his/her parent/chaperone to coordinate his/her daily participation with the diocesan delegation's schedule.

Signature

Date