



# **Developing a Voice on Current Youth Issues**

**July 26 –29, 2011**

**University of South Dakota  
Vermillion, SD**

## **Application**

**Applicants must be in the 11th or 12th grade for the 2011-2012 school year. Cost to attend—which includes meals, housing, and materials—is \$65.00 (scholarships are available). Please enclose payment with application to confirm your participation. If applicant is not accepted, payment will be refunded.**

**COMPLETE** (use back or separate sheet as necessary):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2011/2012 school year: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

List School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

List Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate sheet, answer any three of the following questions in short essay format (100-250 words).**

- 1) Why is it important for all citizens to learn about the issues and challenges that impact to our youth across South Dakota?
- 2) How would you address some of the major issues facing youth in South Dakota and in today's society and encourage your peers to become more informed about youth issues in your community and in South Dakota?
- 3) Describe the leadership role you believe youth should take in order to help others understand and be more informed about the issues they face in relationship to how it affects them in South Dakota, the U.S. and globally?
- 4) Why is it important for teens to discuss youth issues and how it pertains to public policy within their school, community and state?
- 5) What are some positive actions being implemented in your school/community to help youth deal with different and challenging issues?

**List two references, position, and a phone number where they can be reached:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

**Applications MUST be received by **May 16, 2011** to:**

**South Dakota Youth Congress  
1641 Deadwood Ave.  
Rapid City, SD 57702**