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Dear Surry County Teen:

The Surry County Office on Youth is excited to offer you a chance to attend the “**Annual YADAPP Leadership Conference**”, that will be held at Longwood College in Farmville, VA. (Please see the attached **ABOUT YADAPP** Flyer.) This is an excellent opportunity; therefore, we hope that you will complete the process by the date and time specified below so that you will be able to attend this conference with Office on Youth staff and several of your peers.

Here is what you will need to do!

- Complete an “application packet” which may be obtained by contacting the DYFR
- Submit an updated resume’
- Obtain two letters of references and return them with your application packet (*One letter should be from a school representative and the other from someone within the community. Please do not use a family member.*)
- Complete a minimum of 8 hours of leadership development training
- Complete 12 hours of community service; however, a minimum of 8 hours of those hours must be with a Surry County organization and must have been completed within the last 6 months
- Once all of your information is received and screened, you will be contacted for a face –to-face or telephone interview that will be announced.

Remember, this is an excellent opportunity for leadership development and work experience within a fun and safe atmosphere. Because there has been an increased interest in this opportunity, you do not want to be late in submitting the requested information. This is a very competitive process! Also, this will be the first demonstration of your “responsibility and time management skills” which are both necessary to helping you to be successful, now and in the future. I hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,
Sophenia H. Pierce
Director

ABOUT YADAPP



Changing Lives Through Leaders

YADAPP Is...

- YADAPP is an annual summer leadership conference empowering teens to keep their schools and communities alcohol and drug free by taking positive peer leadership roles.
- YADAPP is youth-led. Students with common interests and ideals meet, connect and bond in a week full of fun activities, workshops and empowering speeches.
- YADAPP is attended each summer by hundreds of high school students and adult sponsors from across Virginia.
- YADAPP is held each year at a Virginia college or university. Longwood University has been the host for the past 15 years.
- YADAPP has impacted the lives of over 10,000 students throughout Virginia since it began in 1984. To date more than 440 different high schools and community organizations have participated in this unique program.
- YADAPP is team-based, formed through high schools or community organizations.
- YADAPP is valuable leadership training that looks fantastic on a college application or resume.

Forming a YADAPP Team

- One team consists of up to four participants and one adult sponsor.
- A team must represent either a high school or community organization.
- Rising ninth through twelfth graders may participate.
- Diverse youth participants should be selected for their commitment to leading drug-free lives and their peer-leadership potential.
- Teams work together to brainstorm problems in their schools and communities, identify goals and create plans to tackle those problems—from drinking and driving to illegal drug use.
- Participants work with trained youth leaders who understand today's issues and have participated in previous YADAPP summer conferences.
- Each team develops a STAN (Strategies To Act Now) plan designed to specifically meet the needs of its school or community and returns home prepared to implement the plan!



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YADAPP Conference Application

Contact Information

Name	
Age	
Gender	
Name of Parents/Guardians	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work/Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Background Information

Are you a current participant of a program sponsored by the Youth and Family Resources program?

Yes No (If yes, explain.)

Which program(s) and how long? _____

Have you participated in the YADAPP Conference before? Yes No

If yes, provide date(s): _____

Have you ever been suspended from school? Yes No (If yes, explain.)

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of an offense or crime? Yes No
(If yes to either part of questions, explain.)

Why do you want to attend the YADAPP conference?

Leadership Experience, Special Skills, and Other Qualifications

Summarize any special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports, that will help you to be successful as a YADAPP participant and as a community or peer leader.

What extra curriculum activities are you planning to participate in during the 2017-2018 school year?

In the upcoming year, will you be able to commit to meeting at least once per month (for 1-2 hour meetings) to plan and execute community service activities with the Surry Youth and Family Resources?

Yes No Unsure (Please explain why or why not.)

List your most recent volunteer or work experiences(within the past 6 months) related to helping the community, leading your peers, public speaking, or working in a team/group. (This may be related to the school, community, or faith based activities.) Indicate the activity and hours engaged.)

If you do not have all of your “community service or leadership hours” required for participating in YADAPP, please check below to indicate if you are planning to attend the upcoming trainings and activities offered by the Surry Youth and Family Resources. **Reference bullet #3 in YADAPP Letter (Remember: Your community service hours must include a minimum of 10 hours with the Surry Youth and Family Resources must have been completed services within the last 6 months.)** ___Yes ___No, **If Yes, What Dates**

Please provide a response below describing why you believe you would be an asset on Surry’s YADAPP team. Also, explain how you would help other youth/teens to live a drug, alcohol, and violence free life.

Agreement and Signatures

I understand that as a YADAPP Participant applicant, I must successfully complete the application screening and training process before being allowed to attend the YADAPP conference as a Surry Youth and Family Resources Program representative. This process includes: 1.)submission of a completed application and resume’, 2.) two required reference letters, 3.) participation in a face-to-face or telephone interview, and 4.) completion of a minimum of **20 total hours** of leadership training and community service involvement.

If selected as a YADAPP Participant, I will uphold the conference rules and procedures and abide by the Code of Conduct and Dress Code presented by YADAPP during the entire week of the conference. **I will conduct myself as a responsible young adult.**

I hereby certify that all of the information on this application is true and complete. I understand that any falsification of information herein constitutes cause for dismissal. I also understand that records and criminal background on reference checks may be conducted on me at any time during the application process by the Surry Youth and Family Resources.

I understand that the Surry Youth and Family Resources is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer/program open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital/ family status or any other basis.

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in this packet are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a participant, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Applicant’s Name (printed)	
Signature/Date	
Parent/Guardian Name (printed)	
Signature/Date	

Thank you for completing this application and for your interest in attending YADAPP with us.