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# Kentucky YMCA Youth Association

## SERVICE TO THE WORLD

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

**Trip Dates: May 28 - June 8 2014**  
**Application Deadline: September 27, 2013**

**KY YMCA Scholarship Fund Contribution: \$3,000\***

*\*at least 50% must come from public fundraising or sponsorship*

**Deposit Due at First Meeting: \$100**

**Mandatory Team Meetings** (locations, dates & times TBD):

- October – introductions, logistics, fundraising, deposit due
- December – syllabus discussion, team updates
- January – teambuilding, social/team meal
- March – syllabus discussion, team updates
- May – syllabus discussion, book reports, final preparations, social/team meal

**Eligibility:** YMCA Youth In Government alumni and supporters, who are *at least one full year out of high school* at the time of the application deadline, may apply. Alumni of the KY YMCA will be given priority. Full-time office interns and fellows of the Kentucky YMCA are *not* eligible to apply.

**Procedure:** Please email your completed application to [drew@kyyymca.org](mailto:drew@kyyymca.org) via an attached document file. 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 2014 Service to the World team will be announced on or before **October 2, 2013**. 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 [drew@kyyymca.org](mailto:drew@kyyymca.org) or contact the Kentucky YMCA office. Good luck!



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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION *(all fields required)*

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Primary Phone:

E-mail:

Dietary Restrictions:

Social Security No:

Passport No/Issue Date\*:

Current School/Graduation Date:

-OR-

Current Employer/Occupation:

*\*Valid passport must be obtained prior to October 2013.*

### YMCA HISTORY\*

#### As a Delegate

Dates of Program Participation (list the years):

Conferences Attended (circle): KYA KUNA GFI LTC CONA Y-CORPS OTHER

#### As a Volunteer

Dates of Conference Volunteering (list the years):

Conferences You Have Served (circle): KYA KUNA GFI LTC Y-CORPS OTHER

#### YMCA Employment History

Are you or have you ever been a YMCA employee?

YMCA Name:

Your Position:

Years Employed:

*\* For office use only; has no bearing on team selection.*



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# APPLICATION NARRATIVE

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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

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

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Short Essay: *Please respond in 500 words or fewer, and include the below questions in your answer.*

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. Describe your work ethic in both high labor and interpersonal tasks.
3. As an American service volunteer in Panama: 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.)*



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## 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
- Attending all mandatory team meetings in preparation for the trip
- Submitting a \$100 deposit at first team meeting
- Raising the required funding (submitted with donor log) by the following deadlines:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Installment (\$1500)—January 6, 2014
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment (\$1500)—April 1, 2014
- Participating in all group events: discussions, email threads, fundraising events, and social media (i.e. Facebook group)
- Treating the trip, country of destination, team members and leaders with respect.
- Complying with all Kentucky YMCA program policies.

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E-Signature

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Date