

Young Women of Promise, Inc.

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Youth Invited to Participate in Semester of Service

Young Women of Promise has been selected by **Youth Service America** to serve as a **Semester of Service Lead Agency** for the project period that spans from **Martin Luther King Holiday** on January 18, 2010 through **Global Youth Service Day** on April 23-25, 2010.

Young Women of Promise is currently accepting applications for **Youth Service Ambassadors** from students in grades 6-12 and young adults ages 18-25, who are interested in designing and performing ongoing service activities in Kinston-Lenoir County and surrounding communities.

Youth Service Ambassadors will have the opportunity to participate in monthly Leadership Development workshops including teambuilding; conflict resolution; time management, public speaking, writing, and more. The program will also give the youth the opportunity to reflect on their service through journaling, photography, and blogging. They will also be able to apply for small mini-grants to support their volunteer service projects which support the issue areas including the elderly; youth; homelessness, literacy; hunger, education; community clean-ups and more. Youth service ambassadors will be encouraged to participate in leadership development and/or service learning activities on the 1st and/or 3rd Saturday of each month, beginning on Saturday, January 16, 2010.

Young Women of Promise has become a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national program recognizing Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The youth volunteers and adult allies can receive the President's Volunteer Service Award based on their hours of service.

According to Theresa Williams, Young Women of Promise Executive Director, "This will be a wonderful opportunity for our youth to not only develop great leadership skills, but also provide service and support to our community. I am a firm believer that the strength of our community lies within our youth. Recent research shows that service learning is a successful dropout prevention strategy. Our youth can help find solutions to many of the problems that plague our community. We are hoping that the youth will become inspired to continue their service beyond the Semester of Service commitment."

Nonprofit and civic organizations that can utilize the talents of young volunteers are encouraged to contact Williams to register their volunteer needs.

Larry Burney, Jr. has been appointed to serve as a Service Learning Coordinator for the Semester of Service. Xavier Woods, a student in the Lenoir County Early College program and Brittany Heath, a Lenoir Community College student, will serve as Global Youth Service Day Youth Chairpersons.

As a Semester of Service lead agency, Young Women of Promise has received a \$3,000 planning grant from Youth Service America to implement the project.

For additional information contact Theresa Williams at 252/939-5587, email: kinstonyep@yahoo.com or visit www.kinstonyep.org.

Youth Service Ambassadors

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_____ I am available to participate in Youth Ambassadors leadership workshops and/or service activities on the 1st and/or 3rd Saturday of each month between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name: _____ Nickname _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Birthdate: _____ Age _____ T-shirt size _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent Phone (if different) _____

Grade in School _____ School Attending _____

Parent/Family permission:

I grant permission for _____ to participate in the Young Women of Promise, **Youth Service Ambassadors program for 2010.**

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Relationship to student _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Relationship to student _____

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Student's Name: _____

2010 LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

We (I), the undersigned, hereby release and agree to hold harmless Young Women of Promise, Inc., and its employees, volunteers, and officers from any and all claims, including those of our (my) heirs or assigns which may arise from any action or failure to act by any employee, officer, or volunteer of Young Women of Promise, Inc., in connection with the participation of our (my) child _____ in the **Youth Service Ambassadors** program.

We (I), the undersigned, have read the foregoing and sign it of our (my) own free will.

This the _____ day of _____, 2009.

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Participant's Name: _____

Photography Release

As a demonstration project, Young Women of Promise takes a substantial amount of photographs during our work sessions. These photos are used in foundation reports, our newsletter, on our website and display photos. Please sign below if you object to use of your child's pictures in any of our promotional or publicity activities.

____ I give permission for use of my child's photo in printing and publicity events.

____ I do not give permission for use of my child's photo in printing and publicity events.