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The Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative Participate Application

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

School _____

Grade (circle one): 9th 10th 11th 12th

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Gender: Male Female

Birth Date ____/____/____

Mother/Guardian Name _____

Daytime telephone _____ Email _____

Father/Guardian Name _____

Daytime telephone _____ Email _____

Return Application To:

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Check List:

- Application completed and signed by applicant
- Parental permission signed by parent(s)/Legal guardian
- Two (2) reference letters submitted with application



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The Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative Parental Consent Form

Dear Parent:

Your child has been recommended as a participant in the Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative for the upcoming school year. The mission of the initiative is to empower the youth to become leaders of change in their homes, schools, neighborhoods and community by way of the political process through engagement in relevant, hands-on sustainable learning models. The purposes of the initiative are:

1. To provide an opportunity for the youth to become engaged and activated on sustainability issues by giving the youth a voice and developing their knowledge, vocabulary and interest around the future of the new "green economy" and sustainability.
2. To broaden the Youth's learning opportunities through hands on experience by providing the youth real life hands-on work experiences with professionals from diverse fields, providing their prospective to the community and exposing them to potential career opportunities in the new "green" economy as it is critically important to their future and the future of our planet.
3. To build and develop community by providing the youth with an opportunity to interact and engage with diverse populations who have a wide range of interests, knowledge and skills.

Information provided on the application will be held in confidence. Applicants selected to serve on the Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative will be notified by phone and in writing. By signing this application, the applicant acknowledges that he/she understands the requirements stated therein, including the attendance and transportation policies.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date



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The Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative Attendance & Other Program Policies

The success of the Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative depends on the commitment of its members to attend important meetings and programs. A program coordinator staffed by the Mayor's Office will work with the participants to coordinate a schedule that accommodates school schedules and extracurricular activities. However, because the program relies upon volunteers from the community, the students must be willing to meet in the evenings and/or on weekends.

Because each component of the program builds upon the last, it is imperative that each participant make every effort to attend any and all meetings. However, excused absences will be made for illness, religious reasons, family emergencies and/or death. Other excused absences will be made on a case by case basis at the discretion of the program coordinator if the participant notifies him or her in person or in writing at least 4 days prior to the event.

Email will be the primary means of communication for the program. If you do not have regular access to a computer and/or the internet, the program coordinator will work with you to determine an alternative way to contact you throughout the course of the program.

Participants will be expected to spend approximately 20 hours actively engaged in the program over the course of the school year. Participants may count these hours towards their service-learning requirements at their high school and/or towards their senior exit project should they choose to do so. It will be the responsibility of the youth to work with the program coordinator to see that they receive credit for their work in the initiative.

Transportation will be the responsibility of the participant. Most meetings will be located at Town Hall, located on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and several major bus routes. If there are any issues regarding transportation to and from program events, the participant should speak with the program coordinator.

The program coordinator will vary from year to year but can be reached at the following:

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mintern@townofchapelhill.org



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The Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative Recommendation Form

This recommendation form should be completed by a teacher, principal, counselor, volunteer supervisor and/or employer. Parents or other family members should not complete this form. The completed form should be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to the following by September 5, 2009:

Mayor's Office
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Name of Student _____ Date ___/___/___

School _____ Grade _____

Student: Please sign and date the waiver below. It is your responsibility to make sure the completed recommendation is submitted by the deadline.

Waiver of Access:

I, the undersigned, waive the right of personal access to the reference.

Student Signature

Date

Name of Reference

Title/Position

School/Firm/Organization

Email Address/Telephone Number



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The Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative Recommendation Form (Part 1)

| | Superior | Above Average | Average | Low | Unable to Judge |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Character | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Concern for Others | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Responsibility | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leadership Potential | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to work with others | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Level of Maturity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oral Communication Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Interest in Community Affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Interest in Environmental Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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The Mayor's Youth for a Sustainable Future Initiative Recommendation Form (Part 2)

1. For how long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?

2. What do you consider the applicant's primary interests, talents and strengths?

3. What are some of the applicant's weaknesses?

4. Describe the applicant's relationships with peers.

5. Is the applicant interested in community affairs and/or environmental issues?

Signature of Reference

Date