

## District Student Leadership Team Application 2010-2011

### **What is District Student Leadership Team?** *(Summarized from Book of Discipline 2008 ¶1671)*

A team of high school students with the purpose to assist local churches in ministry; to serve as a channel of communication and involvement for local church, conference and general agencies; to initiate youth programming that may influence the local church youth programming in the district; and to take primary responsibility for promoting and raising money for the Youth Service Fund.

Membership is determined by participation and membership in a local United Methodist Church and being elected by that church to be a representative to the DSLT. Two representatives are needed from each local church.

The functions of the DSLT are as follows:

- a. To study the needs of the junior high and senior high youth ministry of the local churches in the district and help them establish and provide more effective ministry in and through the district.
- b. To keep local churches informed of the work of the whole Church in youth ministry and to challenge each church to full participation.
- c. To serve as a two-way channel of communications between the local church youth and the annual conference and to assist local church youth in communication with one another.
- d. To cooperate with the programming and ministry of the district council on ministries as it serves to provide leadership training to persons in the district.
- e. To assist in the implementation of the program of the annual conference and particularly of the annual conference council on youth ministry.
- f. To serve as an advocate for the free expression of youth in the district and local churches of the district.
- g. To provide leadership training.
- h. To promote, introduce and encourage youth in the annual conference to be active in Wesley Foundations or United Methodist campus ministries when they attend a college or university and to become aware of opportunities to attend United Methodist related colleges and universities.
- i. To cooperate with Wesley Foundations, United Methodist campus ministries and United Methodist related colleges and university to assist annual conference youth in the transition to college life.
- j. To promote, educate, and be a resource to local churches on Youth Service Fund.
- k. To participate with the district superintendent and the conference coordinator of youth ministry, who shall serve as its advisor. The district council on youth ministry's responsibilities shall include organizing, programming, consulting with local churches, and nurturing adult workers with youth in the district.

**Offices available:** President\*, Vice-President\*, Secretary, Conference Student Leadership Team Representative (2 and 1 alternate or 3 and 1 alternate if you have one representative from an ethnic minority)\*, member, other positions as needed...

\* automatically places you on Conference Student Leadership Team. Please read the criteria carefully for both District and Conference Student Leadership Teams to be sure you have the time and are qualified.

### **Conference Student Leadership Team Membership Responsibility:**

1. Representatives shall attend all Conference Student Leadership Team meetings and assigned committee meetings. Absences may be cause for dismissal from the team.
2. Absences must be reported and explained in advance.
3. Representatives shall help lead at least two Conference Student Leadership Team sponsored and approved events during the year, provided their transportation and registration costs are covered by the Conference Student Leadership Team.
4. Each youth member may be assigned to a conference board or agency and is expected to attend and participate.
5. All Conference Student Leadership Team members shall continue as active members in their local churches and districts.
6. Members shall serve as a link between Conference Student Leadership Team and their District Student Leadership Team.
7. Youth members shall attend the Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization Convocation or Spiritual Life Rally as a group. The transportation cost shall be covered by Conference Student Leadership Team. It is recommended that registration, room, board, etc. be covered by each member's district.
8. Newly elected Conference Student Leadership Team representatives, alternates and district presidents shall attend the June Leadership Orientation Meeting.
9. District vice-presidents shall be invited to attend the meeting.

I would like to join the DSLT for the 2010-2011 term. Here is my information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2010-2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ T Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

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I will commit to attending all meetings and events. I will promise to be a positive addition to this team.

I am willing to take initiative in finding out meeting times, places, and locations and not wait for someone to contact me.

Position running for (see opposite side for options) \_\_\_\_\_

*If you need more space please use another page.*

I wish to serve on the District (and/or) Conference Student Leadership Team because: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe in your own words what being a Christian means to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your level of activity in your local church: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a part-time job, play sports, or participate in other organizations? Can these schedules be adjusted to allow your full participation in Student Leadership Team? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how your local church and district will be strengthened by your participation on District or Conference Student Leadership Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your family and local church be supportive if you are elected to this position? \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand all responsibilities of District and Conference Student Leadership Teams and agree, if elected, to serve to the best of my ability.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant signature & date

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent or guardian signature & date

\_\_\_\_\_ Local church Youth Worker signature, title & date