



“The Youth Summit is an incredible opportunity for an open exchange of ideas between policymakers and students.”

– J. Robert Flores,
Administrator of the Office
of Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention,
U.S. Department of Justice



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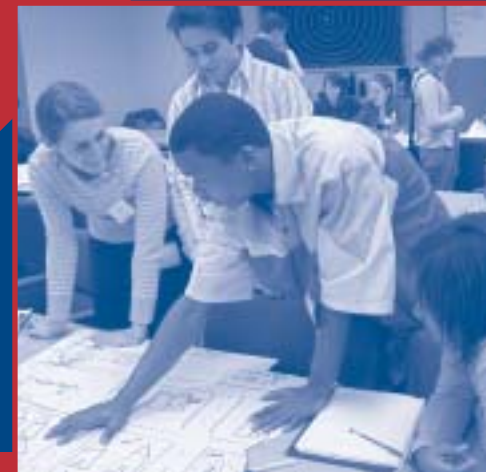
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Illinois Youth Summit

*A Public Policy
and Service Learning Program
for High School Students in Illinois*



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ABOUT THE ILLINOIS YOUTH SUMMIT

Now in its 12th year, the Illinois Youth Summit promotes awareness, investigation and civic action by high school students on current public policy issues affecting youth. Over 1,500 Illinois high school students participate annually. Summit delegations consist of a teacher and 5-10 students from the participating high school.



“One doesn’t have to look further than the students participating in this summit to learn what it takes to be a good citizen, By learning about the issues facing our country, challenging policy makers and making their voices heard, these students are taking an active role in shaping the future.”

– Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of Illinois



STUDENT BENEFITS

- Interact with a diverse group of their peers from across the state to study and deliberate issues of importance to them
- Design and implement service projects that address community needs
- Exchange ideas and opinions with policymakers in Chicago and Washington via teleconference



“By deliberating with their peers and policymakers during the youth summit, my students broadened their perspectives on civic issues, sharpened their understanding of the democratic process, and learned the importance of civic action in their community.”

– Stacey Gorman, Mundelein High School Teacher



TEACHER BENEFITS

- Receive training [Feb. 9] on issues, teaching strategies, and ideas for service projects. [CPDUs available]
- Receive class sets of the *Summit Resource Guide* and other materials free of charge
- Involve students with Outside Resource People, such as public officials and legal experts, who shape law and public policy



“What the Illinois Youth Summit does is model and teach young people how to deliberate respectfully. The Illinois Youth Summit is helping to build a solid foundation for this country.”

– Gwynne Ryan, Wells Community High School Teacher

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Student Advisory Committee (SAC)** made up of two students from each school who attend meetings on **December 6, February 9,** and **March 23** to choose issues, learn about the issues, and receive training on how to be discussion leaders at the Summit. [Lunch provided]
- **Summit Resource Guide** which includes: The 2006 Illinois Youth Summit survey, background information on the featured issues and policies, suggested classroom lessons, and ideas for community service projects.
- **Service Learning Project** related to one of the policies under study and presented at the Youth Summit.
- **Youth Summit** on **April 21** at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago. Student delegates talk with policymakers about the issues. The Summit concludes with a Town Meeting where delegates take final positions on the issues. [Lunch provided]
- **Post-Summit Enrichment Opportunities** include Post-Summit Exchanges with non-participating schools



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2006 Illinois Youth Summit REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF TEACHER _____

SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____

SCHOOL FAX _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

TEACHER EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WILL USE CURRICULUM _____

DEADLINE: All forms must be received by **November 22** accompanied by a check. Space is limited. Late registrations will be considered on a space-available basis. Delegations are limited to one class per school.

REGISTRATION FEE: Registration fee of **\$100.00** per class must accompany this form and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago.

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