



“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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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 14th year, the Illinois Youth Summit promotes awareness, investigation and civic action by high school students on current public policy issues affecting youth. Over 1,300 Illinois high school students participate annually. Summit delegations consist of a teacher and 5-10 students from the participating high school.



“Democracy is not a spectator sport – the best way to learn how it works is to get in there and do it. Students who participate in the Youth Summit learn about important issues – and then do something about them.”

– U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr.



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



“Our students have a tremendous opportunity to interact with policymakers who listen to their ideas and respect them as young adults. The students direct the Youth Summit towards public policy arenas they are concerned and passionate about.”

– Rick Rosenberg, Maine South High School Teacher



TEACHER BENEFITS

- Receive training on February 6 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



“At the Summit, my students had the opportunity to sort through issues that may be controversial and emotional, but ones that can only find solutions through compromise and discussion. This was one of the best experiences I have involved my students with in all my years of teaching.”

– Ron Ashlaw, Dyett Academic High School Teacher

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Student Advisory Committee (SAC)**
Made up of two students from each school who attend meetings on **December 5, February 6 and March 12** to choose issues, learn about the issues, and receive training on how to be discussion leaders at the Summit. *[Lunch provided]*
- **Summit Resource Guide**
Includes the 2008 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**
Features presentations and discussions between student delegates and policymakers at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago on **Friday, April 25**, and concludes with a Town Meeting where delegates take final positions on the issues. *[Lunch provided]*
- **Post-Summit Enrichment Opportunities**
Include presentations to non-participating schools and community organizations.



visit our website: www.crfc.org

2008 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 _____

COURSE(S) OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING _____

GRADE LEVEL(S) OF STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING _____

DEADLINE: All forms and fees must be received by **November 20**. Space is limited. Late registrations will be considered on a space-available basis. Minimum of ten student participants (no maximum) per registration. Limit one registration 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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