

SOUTHEAST UNITY REGION
APPLICATION FOR YOU and NGU SCHOLARSHIP TO
PARLIAMENT OF WORLD'S RELIGIONS
Melbourne, Australia, Dec 1-9, 2009

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

CELL PHONE (____) _____ OTHER PHONE (____) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BIRTHDAY: MO _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ CURRENT YEAR IN SCHOOL

AGE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME OF UNITY CENTER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PARENT NAME _____ PHONE
(____) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

_____ Applying for Y.O.U. position _____ Applying for N.G.U. position

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant for scholarship to WPOR needs to meet the qualifications listed below:

1. Y.O.U.er is at least 15 years of age and no older than 18 prior to Aug 30, 2009.
2. Is a regular attendant at Youth of Unity chapter meetings/N.G.U. activities for a minimum of one (1) year prior to application.
3. Is an active member of an active Y.O.U. chapter in a Unity center, which is a member ministry of the Association of Unity Churches, or, if an NGUer, is active in regional or local NGU activities.
4. Demonstrates leadership ability in the local Y.O.U. chapter and displays an understanding of Truth principles, orderly conduct, self-discipline, cooperation and consideration of others.
5. Has the general support of their chapter YOUers, sponsors & minister.

6. Returns this form, and all required papers, completed by the applicant and signed by all respective signers, by June 1, 2009.

Do you accept responsibility for your own health during the trip?

_____ yes _____ no

Do you consider yourself flexible and adaptable?

_____ yes _____ no

Are you willing to follow the guidance of your assigned adult during the trip?

_____ yes _____ no

Have you traveled abroad previously? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, where and when?

Will you commit to share information about your experience in Unity churches and events upon your return? _____ yes _____ no

On a separate page answer the following essay questions:

1. Tell us why you should be selected to receive a scholarship to participate in the World Parliament of Religions.
2. If you are designated as the participant to WPOR what do you believe God has for you to do in this experience?
3. What are some ways that you can share your experience, and make a difference for those who do not attend the WPOR?

Acceptance of Rules and Commitments

Please sign at the bottom.

I have read and do understand and accept the "Important Information for Participation" below.

I will not engage in sexual contact with WPOR participants or community members.

I will not consume alcohol or drugs (except as prescribed by a doctor) at any point during the trip.

I will show respect for participants, facilitators, and local people.

I will consult with a travel doctor and ensure that I receive appropriate vaccinations and preventative medications at least six weeks before my trip.

I have a system for keeping my money and valuables safe.

I will wear culturally appropriate, modest clothing.

I have read, understood and accepted the risks of travel.

I will show respect for myself by getting enough sleep and taking care of my body and mind.

I will abide by all rules set by Southeast Unity Region, WPOR, and my Assigned Adult.

I will contribute to a positive environment for everyone involved with the trip.

I am physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually ready to participate in the WPOR.

I accept and will adhere to these rules, as well as the rules and regulations listed below and any other rules or instructions issued by Southeast Unity Region and/or my Assigned Adult.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Signature of parent/guardian (if under 18)

Date

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Please read all of the following information carefully. It is only after carefully reading this package and acknowledging that the participant (and participant's parent or guardian, if under 18) has fully read, understood and accepted its conditions, contents and associated risks that a participant will be formally able to apply for a scholarship.

Travel Information

All participants must have a current passport from their country of citizenship. This passport must be valid at least six months after the conclusion of the trip in order to enable one to fly or enter into a foreign country.

It is the responsibility of the participant and/or his/her guardian to take the necessary actions to obtain a visa.

The Southeast Unity Region will accept no responsibility and issue no refunds in the event that the participant is not able to obtain a visa and/or passport in time to participate in the WPOR.

Transportation will be arranged by the Southeast Unity Region. It is the sole discretion of the Southeast Region to determine the carrier, route and times of flight.

A minor may need to travel alone from their home airport to connect with the Assigned Adult responsible for them. They will travel on all international flights with their Assigned Adult.

With valuable documents (such as passports), keep separate records and photocopies of pages with the name, passport number, photo, place, date of issue and expiry date. It is essential to carry copies of the following: visas, traveler's check receipts, travel insurance policies, personal contacts and addresses, credit card numbers, airline tickets and birth certificate. Copies of the same must also be left with someone at home.

It is advisable to keep photocopies of important documents separate from one's passport and money. Participants should keep one copy with them, one copy inside their luggage and one copy with their assigned adult. It is also suggested that participants have an emergency fund safely on hand, to use in case of an emergency.

If the participant loses his/her ticket or passport while traveling to or from the trip destination, they will be responsible for all incurred costs as a result of that loss, potentially including ticket or passport re-issuing expenses, new airline ticket expenses, accommodation and meal expenses as well as the same expenses for the assigned adult as necessary. The participant and parent/guardian acknowledge that Southeast Unity Region cannot guarantee that a facilitator will be left behind with the participant in such a case; however Southeast Region will make every effort to do so and will work to help ensure the safety of the participant.

If the participant does not show up on time for their international departure, whether through the fault of the participant, an airline or otherwise, and is unable to be on the flight to the trip destination, Southeast Region accepts no responsibility for any future travel expenses/penalties. Southeast Unity Region

will, of course, do its best to accommodate the situation and help the participant based on the circumstances.

In case of an emergency situation or the need for a participant to come home early for any reason whatsoever, the participant and parent/guardian of the participant agree to pay all expenses associated with the return of the participant, including, but not limited to, reasonable Southeast Region adult expenses; on the ground logistical considerations and expenses; and cost of long-distance phone calls to and from the country in which the trip is situated.

The Assigned Adult will hold on file a copy of a credit card number from the participant, or guardian if under 18, to be used only in emergency.

Southeast Unity Region assumes no responsibility or liability for loss or theft of personal items of participants while on the WPOR trip.

Medical Insurance

It is mandatory that all participants purchase individual travel and medical insurance as well as insurance for loss of property. The Southeast Unity Region does not hold any of these types of insurance for participants, does not provide this service for participants and will accept no liability for any loss of property or travel related to personal or medical emergencies.

Many health plans do not cover expenses outside your country of residence. It is mandatory that you have personal medical insurance for safety and peace of mind while traveling.

Participants may prefer a policy that pays doctors or hospitals directly rather than one requiring payment on the spot and a claim to make later. Also, remember to check the policy for the coverage of emergency transport evacuation to your home country.

Travel health depends largely on pre-departure preparations, daily attention and the handling of problems as they arise. Following a doctor's advice and using common sense will help minimize risks.

It is mandatory that each participant receive all vaccines required for entry into Australia.

The Southeast Region reserves the right to issue minor medications (such as Tylenol, anti-diarrhea drugs) to participant in the event of minor medical problems.

Southeast Unity Region Assigned Adult may have to make difficult decisions in times of medical emergencies or potential medical emergencies (including, but not limited to, access to medical and professional care and modes of transport), which are to be fully accepted by the participant and his/her guardians. The Southeast Unity Region will accept no liability for these decisions.

Safety Tips

Participants are advised to keep money, passports, air tickets, etc., in a safe location; ie, out of sight under one's clothes or in a money belt.

It is suggested that participants do not keep everything in one place. Keep small change and a few banknotes in a shirt or pant pocket to pay for small expenses without having to extract large amounts of cash.

Expectations

Participants will attend all available activities of the WPOR.

One day of the schedule is a 'Free Day' and activities will be coordinated with the Assigned Adult. These activities may include site seeing and tours, and/or activities with other youth at the Parliament.

The minor participant agrees to work with the Assigned Adult to assure on-time attendance at all events, and obtaining any meals not included in the WPOR schedule.

Participants must not leave boundaries of the WPOR except during designated times, and never without the direct and express permission of the Assigned Adult.

Participants must show themselves, their facilitator and their group respect by sleeping at night so that they are alert and ready to participate during the day.

Males and females are to remain in separate sleeping rooms.

No minor participant may use illegal drugs, use prescription drugs illegally, consume alcohol or smoke/chew tobacco during any trip period.

I have read and do understand and accept the information outlined in the previous pages entitled "Important Information for Participants".

Date

Signature of Participant

If participant is under the age of 18, signature of parent/guardian is required:

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

WAIVERS

Media Release

I, _____, the applicant for WPOR participation, or if under the age of 18, the parent/legal guardian of the minor, _____, release Southeast Unity Region and each of its related organizations, employees and volunteers from any and all claims to any photographs, slides, videos, sound recordings, and/or other content taken of the participant by Southeast Unity Region during the course of his/her attendance in the WPOR trip. I further grant permission to Southeast Unity Region and each of its related organizations, employees and volunteers to use the participant's voice, picture, and likeness for any purpose whatsoever (including, but not limited to, promotional materials such as informational brochures, websites, television shows and public information campaigns), for use in all markets and media, worldwide, in perpetuity, without notice or payment. I understand that the materials may be edited, including any appearance of the participant included therein at the sole discretion of Southeast Unity Region or its affiliates. I further understand that you are not obligated to use the materials at all.

Date

Signature of Participant (or guardian, if under 18)

Medical Waiver

I, _____, the applicant for WPOR participation, or if under the age of 18, the parent/legal guardian of the minor, _____, acknowledge that I/we have fully read, understood and do unconditionally agree to all the provisions outlined in this document including the "Important Information for Participation" information document, which accompanies this waiver. The participant and/or his/her parents and guardian grants the staff members, employees or volunteers of Southeast Unity Region the right to act in loco parentis (in lieu of the parent or guardian) for the duration of the WPOR trip. The parent/legal guardian agrees that the staff members, employees or volunteers of Southeast Unity Region can administer basic medications or drugs in either prescription form or otherwise to the participant, take the participant to a medical practitioner for medical treatment and approve medical procedures in the case of an emergency, which is to be determined solely by the Assigned Adult, or volunteer coordinators of the WPOR trip. The participant and/or parent or guardian agrees to pay for all such medical expenses.

Date

Signature of Participant (or guardian, if under 18)

Liability Waiver

I, _____, the applicant for WPOR participation, or if under the age of 18, the parent/legal guardian of the minor, _____, acknowledge that I/we have fully read understood and do unconditionally agree to all the provisions outlined in this document including the "Important Information for Participation" information document, which accompanies this waiver. The participant and/or parent/guardian agrees to waive any and all financial and legal claims against Southeast Unity Region and its related organizations, employees, officers, affiliates and volunteers for any and all injury, harm, loss and/or damage, however caused, suffered by the participant during the course of the WPOR trip. The participant and/or parent/guardian also releases and agrees not to hold Southeast Unity Region and each of their related organizations, employees, officers, affiliates and volunteers, liable for any negligence caused in whole or in part by Southeast Unity Region representative, employee or volunteer during the course of the WPOR trip. The participant acknowledges that Southeast Unity Region accepts no liability for loss of the property of any participant throughout the entire duration of the WPOR trip.

Date

Signature of Participant (or guardian, if under 18)

Financial Waiver

I, _____, the applicant for WPOR participation, or if under the age of 18, the parent/legal guardian of the minor, _____, acknowledge that I/we have fully read understood and do unconditionally agree to all the provisions outlined in this document including the "Important Information for Participation" information document, which accompanies this waiver. The participant and/or parent/guardian agrees to the following:

To provide a valid credit card number to be held on file and used only in emergency.

Alternate travel arrangements that do not coincide with the pre-designated trip itinerary established by Southeast Unity Region are the sole responsibility of the trip participant and/or guardian. Extra costs incurred as a result are the sole financial responsibility of the participant.

Any financial emergency situations, including, but not limited to medical and travel expenses, are the sole financial responsibility of the participant and/or guardian. The assigned adult may use the credit card number provided to pay for these expenses at the time of the emergency.

ITEMS REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION

The following items must be sent together to the address below.

This completed application form and attached essay questions

Letter of recommendation from your Unity church, signed by the minister or spiritual leader of the church.

If a Y.O.U.er, a letter of recommendation from your Y.O.U. Sponsor; or, if an NGUer, a letter of recommendation from a reputable person familiar with your NGU participation.

A completed, current Southeast Unity Medical Release Form (available at www.seunityyouth.org)

For Y.O.U.er, a letter from your school giving permission for absence from school during the trip. Dates of absence must be included in the letter:

November 30 - December 11, 2009.

Applications must be received no later than June 1, 2009. Please send to:

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