

Youth ACTION Institute Application
June 23 – June 27 2009
University of California-Berkeley
Oakland, California



The application with essay answers must be received by 5pm on February 5, 2009. It can be faxed, mailed, or emailed using the info provided and is available online at www.campaigntoendaids.org. You will be notified of your acceptance by March 21, 2009.

If mailing your application, it must be sent a few days earlier to assure it arrives by February 5th. The Youth ACTION Institute is open to non- U.S. residents.

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Pre-Conference Fundraising

All applicants that are invited to attend the conference are required to raise \$600 to help defer costs. This is also a good way for participants to get into the community and get a feel for the obstacles and possible setbacks that might occur when planning their summer project.

Post-Conference Project

As a participant you will be asked to partner with an AIDS Service Organization (ASO), community-based organization, religious institution, youth group, LGBTQ group, school or other entity to carry out a grassroots organizing project that will be carried out during summer 2009 and may be continued after. Organizing projects should be link youth priority issues, C2EA demands (treatment, research, prevention & respect), pressing local needs and development of grassroots networks. We encourage participants to develop a project that is particularly relevant to your community surrounding HIV/AIDS.

In particular thin about the following questions:

1. How is HIV/AIDS affecting you and your peers?
2. What is your school or local government doing about it?
3. What changes would you like to see in your local community?
4. What gaps in services can you identify in your community?

Essay Questions (use separate sheet of paper for answers)

Please answer each of the following questions as completely and accurately as possible.

1. When did you first realize HIV/AIDS was something people fight against? What were the implications to you? (1-2 Paragraphs)
2. What is your experience (personal, volunteer, or work- related) with HIV/AIDS and have you participated in any advocacy or activism around the issue?
3. What skills or knowledge are you hoping to gain by attending the Youth Action Institute? What would be most useful to you organizing around HIV/AIDS in your community? (1-2 Paragraphs)
4. Please outline a summer project you will be committed to carrying out for at least two (2) months after the conference. Include names of organizations you plan to partner with, fundraising plans, and overall goals for your project.
5. Are you committed to continuing the work of the Campaign to End AIDS post conference? To what capacity?