

Review the following information before completing your application form. Note particularly the dates on the **PROGRAM CALENDAR** and, under **SELECTION PROCESS**, the fact that finalists will be interviewed after school on Thursday, October 27, 2011. 100% attendance at all sessions is expected so please make sure that you do not have any conflicts with these dates before applying. There is no cost to participating students.

## ELIGIBILITY

Sophomores and juniors who attend public, parochial and independent schools in the Birmingham metropolitan area and who are residents of the area are eligible. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities.
- Express an interest in furthering their knowledge of the greater Birmingham area.
- Commit to 100% attendance at all sessions.
- Receive a recommendation and approval to participate from their school.

## APPLICATION CHECK LIST

- Fill out the application form completely, have it signed by the YLF contact person at your school and return it to the Youth Leadership Forum Office by **October 1, 2011**.
- Give one reference form to a teacher, counselor, advisor, or the principal at your current school. Give the second one to any adult who knows you well, other than a parent or relative; for example another teacher or counselor at school or a scout leader, church youth leader, etc. If this is your first year at your current school, give the second reference to a teacher, principal or counselor at the school you attended last year.
- For more information, see your school's YLF contact person or contact the YLF office at 252-6559 or info@ylfbham.org.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Using the objectives of Youth Leadership Forum as a guide, the YLF Selection Committee will . . .

- review all applications.
- choose a group of finalists to be interviewed after school on **Thursday, October 27, 2011**, and
- after interviewing the finalists, select the class of approximately 44 students.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee's decision.

## PROGRAM CALENDAR

### ORIENTATION MEETING AND RECEPTION

**Sunday, November 6, 2011,  
3:00-4:30 p.m.**

For all participants and their families.

### THE OPENING RETREAT

**Thursday, November 10 -  
Friday, November 11, 2011**

Explore leadership concepts, promote open communication, understanding, and appreciation of diverse backgrounds, values, opinions, and ideas.

### ARTS DAY

**Thursday, December 1, 2011**

A fun and lively day for hands-on sampling of Birmingham's diverse cultural assets.

### GOVERNMENT DAY

**Friday, January 20, 2012**

Meet local and state leaders in government and criminal justice. Identify how government affects youth and the greater Birmingham community.

### HUMAN SERVICES DAY

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**

Learn about the level of human need in our community. Develop an appreciation for agencies and individuals making a difference in the quality of life for our citizens. Become actively involved in improving our community.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION DAY

**Thursday, March 1, 2012**

Understand the business forces that drive the greater Birmingham community and discuss the impact of issues in education on young people.

## THE CLOSING RETREAT & GRADUATION

**Thursday and Friday, April 12-13, 2012**

A time to reflect on the year, establish priorities for Birmingham, be challenged for the future and celebrate with classmates and family members at a graduation event.

## IN ADDITION...

### PARTICIPATION IN TWO

**COMMUNITY SERVICE SESSIONS**, coordinated by Youthserve, is required during the program year. Choose from Saturday sessions to be held monthly from November, 2011 through April, 2012.

### PARTICIPATION IN TWO LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

is required during the program year. Choose from Tuesday evening workshops to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on November 29, 2011, January 24, February 28, and March 27, 2012.

Opening Retreat begins at 7:30 a.m. Thursday; ends 4:45 p.m. Friday. Closing Retreat begins at 4 p.m. Thursday and ends 2 p.m. Friday. All other sessions are from 7:30 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. School attendance credit will be granted for each school day session attended.