



Peer Education Program

YOUTH POWER is a peer education program for teens from African immigrant families, ages 13-17, who live in the Twin Cities metro area (including suburbs). The program is provided by Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, a leader in reproductive healthcare and comprehensive sexuality education.

YOUTH POWER brings a *culturally sensitive and age appropriate* approach to teaching about sexuality in a fun and interactive way. Participants are presented with accurate information about adolescent development, healthy sexuality, and decision-making skills. The program focuses on the prevention of risky behaviors that can lead to teen pregnancy, contracting sexually transmitted infections, and other teen health issues. The program also promotes the importance of personal responsibility for sexual and reproductive health. Participants become **PEER EDUCATORS**, which are youth that share information they have learned with other youth.

How does it work?

The program begins with approximately 8 weeks of training sessions beginning Tuesday, November 16th, 2010 through January 12th, 2010. There will be a mandatory Orientation before the training begins. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 3:30-5:30p in Brooklyn Park. After the training, participants will be required to do peer education **CONTACTS** by sharing information and resources with peers, family, and community. **Participants that successfully complete the training and do the CONTACTS will receive a stipend (check).**

Special Note to Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Permission from a parent or legal guardian is required to participate in the program. Parents or legal guardians must sign required forms **AFTER** being notified that his/her child has been accepted into the program. We invite those who are accepted to attend the Orientation with their parents/guardians to learn more about the program.

Applying for Youth Power:

There is limited space in this program, so interested teens must apply by Nov. 8th, 2010. The attached application must be filled out completely and sent to the program coordinator. For more information or questions about the program and application, please contact 612.821.6171 or education@ppmns.org.

www.ppmns.org/youthpower

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APPLICATION FORM

Today's Date ____/____/____

Name _____ Date of birth ____/____/____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Home phone number (____) _____ Cell phone number (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian phone number(s) (____) _____ (____) _____

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. All training sessions will be held at T.F.P Community Room (off Brooklyn Blvd & Kentucky Ave.) in Brooklyn Park. We **cannot** always provide transportation. **How do you plan on getting to the program then getting home?**

2. Are there any sessions that you know you will have to **miss** on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, from November 16th, 2010 - January 12th, 2011 (not including Winter break 12/23/10-01/02/11)?

No Yes If yes, please list dates and reason:

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Please give 2 reasons why you are interested in becoming a peer educator?

2. Please list any previous or current volunteer experience, extra-curricular activities, or employment that you believe has prepared you to be a good peer educator: _____

3. Please provide the name, email, and/or phone number of 2 adults not related to you, whom we can contact for references (please include at least one teacher or school counselor).

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please return your application as soon as possible to:

Youth Power Program

Planned Parenthood

1200 Lagoon Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55408

Email: ybrewer@ppmns.org

Fax: (612) 825-3522