**INTERFAITH YOUTH INITIATIVE APPLICATION FORM**

**PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATIONS WITH DEPOSIT.**

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**I am applying for this IFYI track (please check one):**

\_\_\_ High School Track (For students entering 10th-12th grade, ages 14-17)

\_\_\_ College Track (Incoming Freshman and Sophomores)

We are able to take students entering their freshman year of high school and junior/senior year of college on a case-by-case basis, based on enrollment numbers. Students in those age groups are still encouraged to apply!

**Personal Information**

Name (Last, first, M.I.)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade as of Fall 2017 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Health conditions (yes/no) explain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/guardian 2 phone and email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Religious Involvement**

Religious affiliation (if any)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of religious community, location (if applicable)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Religious leader/educator and contact information\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about IFYI? (Circle all that apply)**

Religious Leader (Imam, Pastor, Rabbi, etc.) Religious Educator Youth Advisor

IFYI Participant/Alumni (Name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Reflections (Please write on a separate page)**

1.What leadership, faith, or service activities have you been involved with in the past? (One paragraph)

2. Why do you want to attend the Interfaith Youth Initiative? What do you think might be challenging for you? What do you hope to learn or gain? (Two to three paragraphs).

**Reference**

Please provide one reference (a teacher, religious leader, coach, employer, youth advisor, or other non-family member).

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Position and Employer/Organization \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Once accepted into IFYI, the IFYI program director will contact you/your parents to discuss the cost of the program. The subsidized cost of the program is $800 per participant. **We never want finances to be a barrier to participation**, so we accept tuition on a sliding scale. However, every participant is required to pay a $100 deposit to secure a space in the program. Please contact Stephanie Sanger-Miller at ifyi@coopmet.org with any questions.

**IFYI Participant Agreement**

All of the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If accepted to the Interfaith Youth Initiative, I agree to participate in the full program and to abide by the rules and regulations of IFYI. I understand that inappropriate behavior or failure to comply with these rules may result in my dismissal from IFYI and may prevent my participation in future IFYI programs.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*For participants under the age of 18:* I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to apply for and, if admitted, attend the Interfaith Youth Initiative, Summer 2017.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents, Youth Educators, Clergy, and Students,

Hello IFYI friends and family! We have missed you since IFYI 2016, but we have been thinking about you and hard at work to prepare for IFYI 2017. Here are some of the new and innovative details of what we have in store for this year’s program:

● First and foremost, we are excited to announce the dates of IFYI 2017: **Wednesday August 2nd - Friday, August 11th. (College participants will arrive on Wednesday, August 2nd and high school students will arrive on Friday, August 4th).**

● For our college participants, we have continued in our redesign of the **College Track** to empower participants to lead as they learn. The College Trackwill include two days of exclusive learning with various local and national interfaith organizations. They will learn practical skills to take back to campus, and gain insight into interfaith leadership. When the high school participants arrive, the college participants (with help from their staff mentors) will be able to start putting those skills into action, reflect, and keep learning.

● **IFYI 2017 will continue to work on developing our core values of knowledge, engagement, leadership and service**, but this year we will focus on what it means to put interfaith work into action, or rather **#interfaithing.** Our goal is to help participants strengthen their practical skills as leaders within their communities, their sense of identity, and their ability to build relationships across religious and other boundaries. This year will focus on the opportunities for action that bring our communities together by celebrating our diversity and bettering our communities by knowing more about one another.

IFYI is an opportunity for young people to learn about their own religions and the religions of others, not by sitting in a classroom or reading a textbook, but by building relationships and through hands on experience. It is also an opportunity to come together around service projects and leadership training that start at IFYI, but continue grow well beyond our time together. Plus, it’s not just about the programs, and the learning, it’s about the people, and the IFYI participants are the best! Ready to join in the fun? Please check out our website, and fill out an application and contact us by email at info@coopmet.org with any questions, and we will see you in the summer!

 All my best,

 Stephanie Sanger-Miller

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