**NAF LEADERSHIP DISCOVERY SUMMIT  
August 9 – 12, 2020  
Atlanta, GA**

**Student Application**

This summer, 200 young people who share your interest in pursuing work, education, and an impact on the communities around them will come to Atlanta for the first Leadership Discovery Summit. **We’re seeking creators, scholars, young entrepreneurs, activists, and stars. We’re also looking for young people who know that their full potential is out there, but not fully realized…yet.**

This is not your run-of-the-mill “field trip”. Discovery Summit is a convening to realize and share your best self, and to continue building a pathway to leadership. Your NAF Network is coming together to support your future pathway. Help us learn more about how we can help.

**This application is due no later than 5pm ET, March 2, 2020.**

You must be available to attend: Discovery Summit Dates: August 9 – August 12 2020 in Atlanta, GA

The application has 5 parts:

1. Basic Personal Information
2. Student Responses
3. Confirmation of Commitment Checklist
4. Parent information & Confirmation of Commitment
5. Adult mentor letter of support

You must complete all parts of this application to be considered for an invitation to the conference.

# Student Information

First name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone # Email address

Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy) / /

Anticipated High School Graduation Year:

Name of your High School:

Academy Theme [highlight one]:

☐ Finance

☐  Hospitality & Tourism

☐  Information Technology

☐  Engineering

☐  Health Sciences

☐  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which gender do you identify with?

☐  Female

☐  Male

☐  Non-binary/ third gender

☐  Prefer to self-describe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐  Prefer not to say

What is your race/ethnicity? (Please put a “x” on all that apply):

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Pacific Islander

South Asian

East Asian

Black/African American

Hispanic/Latino

White

Other race/ethnicity or identify differently (Optional: Self-describe here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

Prefer not to say

Is English your first language? Circle Yes or No

If No, what is your first language? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Student Responses

Please write thoughtful answers to each question below. Your answer can be tweet-length or up to 3 short paragraphs. Respond in YOUR VOICE. There are no right or wrong answers. We care about what YOU think and want to share. You are allowed (not required) to attach one file to your application that helps us learn more about you (writing, art, photo, etc.)

1. What are the social issues that concern you the most, whether local or global?

1. How will the work (or additional learning) that you pursue in the coming years contribute to the issues you care the most about?
2. What are the most pressing challenges you face in following a path to your dreams? Please describe.
3. Please describe the kind of support you currently have both inside and outside of school to support your future career goals. If you feel that support is lacking, please describe what kind of support you would like both inside and outside of school to support your future career goals.
4. If the Discovery Summit was designed especially for you, what would you leave the conference having experienced or achieved?

1. If you could network with one person you admire who you think could also help you steer your way to your most positive future, who would it be and why?
2. Please share what types of jobs/careers you are interested in. It’s ok if you’re not sure, just share what you think is currently interesting to you.
3. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your vision for your life beyond high school (please review the chart below first and then answer this question)?

Share your feelings about what comes next for you.

**There are no right or wrong answers—it is just your opinion**.

Please write an “**X**” in the square next to the option that best matches what you think and feel about your future endeavors.

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| **As you think about your future, choose the response that matches how much you agree these statements: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree** | **Strongly Agree** | **Agree** | **Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** |
| It is important to me to get a good job or be successful in a career. |  |  |  |  |
| My education is key to my success. |  |  |  |  |
| It is important to me to have a network that includes professionals in the areas I am interested in pursuing. |  |  |  |  |
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| **How likely is it that you will….** | **Very Likely** | **Likely** | **Not Very Likely** | **Certainly Not Likely** |
| Graduate from high school?  (Does not have to be within 4 years) |  |  |  |  |
| Have a plan for education and career after high school? |  |  |  |  |
| Complete an internship before graduating high school? |  |  |  |  |
| Have a network that includes professionals in the areas you are interested in? |  |  |  |  |
| Go to a four-year university after high school. |  |  |  |  |
| Go to a community college. |  |  |  |  |
| Enlist in the military. |  |  |  |  |
| Take a gap year to determine what is the best path for me. |  |  |  |  |
| Find a job and work full time after high school. |  |  |  |  |
| Participate in a service experience like Americorp, Peace Corps, etc. after high school |  |  |  |  |

# Student Confirmation of Commitment

Please read the statements below and put an initial next to them to indicate that you understand the commitments involved in this program. If you are accepted, we will ask you to complete an additional statement of commitment with more details.

By submitting this application, I understand that if I receive an invitation to the NAF Leadership Development Summit, I will:

\_\_\_ Attend and fully participate in the NAF Leadership Development Summit in Atlanta, GA from August 9 to August 12, 2020

\_\_Commit to safe, responsible, and appropriate behavior while at the NAF Leadership Development Summit while under the supervision of the school district chaperone(s)

\_\_\_\_\_\_Let NAF know **if** the $250 registration fee presents a barrier for me to attend the Summit. I understand that whether or not I can pay the registration fee has NO negative impact on my acceptance as an attendee to this summit. NAF is considering all applicants equally. Furthermore, if I am accepted and unable to pay the registration fee, all I need to do is notify NAF and the fee waiver will be issued. It is very important to NAF to eliminate financial barriers to participating in this event.

Signature Date

# Parent/Guardian Information & Confirmation of Commitment

First name Middle Initial Last Name

Relationship to applicant

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone # Email address

Best time to contact [check all that apply]:

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| --- | --- |
|  | Morning |
|  | Daytime |
|  | Evening |

Best Method for contact [please select one option only]:

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| --- | --- |
|  | Email |
|  | Phone |
|  | No preference |

Native language(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please read the statements below and put an initial next to them to indicate that you understand the commitments involved in this Summit. If your child is accepted, we will ask you and your child to complete an additional letter of commitment with more details.

By submitting this application, I understand that if my child receives an invitation to this Summit, my child will:

Attend the NAF Leadership Discovery Summit from 8/9/2020 to 8/12/2020.

Stay in the designated hotel while participating in NAF Leadership Development Summit, with other student participants of the same gender, under the supervision of the school district chaperone(s).

\_\_\_\_\_\_Let NAF know **if** the $250 registration fee presents a barrier for my child to attend the Summit. I understand that whether or not I can pay the registration fee has NO negative impact on my child’s acceptance as an attendee to this summit. NAF is considering all applicants equally. Furthermore, if my child is accepted and unable to pay the registration fee, all my child needs to do is notify NAF and the fee waiver will be issued. It is very important to NAF to eliminate financial barriers to participating in this event.

By signing below, I understand the expectations about the NAF Leadership Development Summit as described above. I also confirm that I have reviewed all available information about the program and understand its content.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Print Student First and Last Name

Signature Date

# School Adult Mentor Letter of Support

Please ask an adult mentor at your school to complete this section of the application. This person can be an academy advisory board member, teacher, principal, guidance counselor, or other staff. Whomever you choose, they should have sufficient experience working with you in order to make informed answers.

Mentor full name:

Phone number: Email address:

Relationship to student:

**Please fill out the below evaluation based on your experience with the applicant. Please keep in mind that we are looking both for students who are already high achievers and also for students who need more guidance and support in order to meet their full potential. Needs Improvement or Needs Significant Improvement is not necessarily a “wrong” answer, so please elaborate in the comment section below.**

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| **Academic and Career** | **Agree Strongly** | **Agree** | **Needs Improvement** | **Needs Significant Improvement** |
| Demonstrates intellectual curiosity |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrates excitement and vision about future career possibilities |  |  |  |  |
| **Personal/Social** | **Agree Strongly** | **Agree** | **Needs Improvement** | **Needs Significant Improvement** |
| Works well independently and with others |  |  |  |  |
| Is responsible |  |  |  |  |
| Is currently a leader, has potential, or demonstrates interest in being a leader |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrates perseverance despite difficulties or challenges |  |  |  |  |
| **Community Support** | **Excellent** | **Above average** | **Average** | **Below average** |
| The level of support outside of school this applicant has is |  |  |  |  |
| The level of support this applicant has at school is |  |  |  |  |

**Please leave any written comments to elaborate on your answers above or add detail about why this applicant is a good candidate for the NAF Leadership Discovery Summit.**

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