



Empowering Youth to Advance Human Rights



Human Rights in the USA Program

2012 Youth Summit in New York City

Location: New York, NY, USA

Dates: June 22 – July 14, 2012

Level: Student/Young Professional
Ages 18 – 30*

Tuition: \$3000 per Participant**
Some Scholarships Available

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Open to young leaders from around the world & the greater USA, as well as to NYC youth (local NYC youth should use the [alternative application](#).)

Imagine a group of youth from around the world teaming up with youth from the USA to look at the human rights situation in the USA!

Most of the time we hear about human rights only when discussing developing countries.

Join us to be a part of something special that will help advance human rights around the world!

*GYC Alumni who are 35 years or younger are welcome to apply.

**tuition does not include Airfare and other travel related expenses such as VISAs; it does include full room and board for the visiting participants. NOTE: The photo on this page is not of a GYC activity but rather of an event in NYC that is creating dialogue about human rights; the Occupy Wall Street protests.

Have you ever considered:

What is the Human Rights situation in the USA?

How can local Human Rights efforts in the USA/NYC (i.e. the “developed world”) relate to similar efforts in the “developing world”?

What role are young people playing in this work? What role should they play in this work?

Overview:

During this GYC program, 15 young leaders from New York City will join with 15 activists from outside NYC (Rwanda, Bosnia, greater-USA) in a special summit to explore the human rights situation in New York City, to contrast the situation in NYC with that of the home areas of the visiting youth, and to take concrete action with NGOs to support current and future efforts for human rights protection and promotion, both in New York City and in the home areas of the visiting youth – including other areas of the USA, Canada, Rwanda, Bosnia, and beyond!

Activities:

- *Human Rights Workshops & Discussions*
- *Volunteer Service with local NYC NGOs*
- *Observation Visits to important sites and Meetings with policy makers at both the local/NYC and international/UN levels*

Specific Issues Addressed:

We will focus on some of the most crucial human rights achievements and challenges facing the population of New York and the USA in general: ***public health and health care, poverty, homelessness, food security, conflict resolution for youth, indigenous rights, children's rights, juvenile justice, LGBT rights.*** We will also look at freedom of expression, including artistic expression, and the role of the media in human rights promotion and protection in New York.

General Information

Thank you for your interest in applying to participate in a Global Youth Connect *Human Rights Learning and Action Program!*

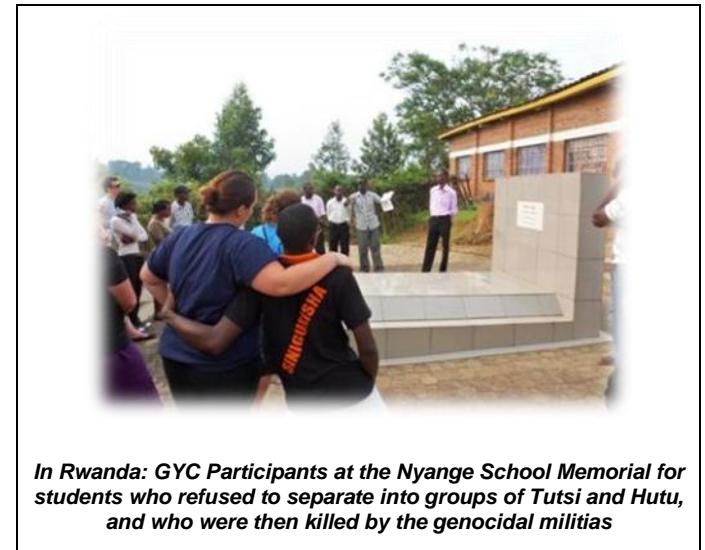
This packet contains important information about the program. **Please read through the following information very carefully before submitting an application.** Information on how to apply and an application form can be found at the end of this packet of information.

We also recommend that you take the following steps prior to submitting an application:

- ✓ Find out more about [Global Youth Connect](#) and why our work matters. [Find us on FACEBOOK](#)
- ✓ Read through the goals and activities of the program
- ✓ Learn some basic information about New York City's history and cultures
- ✓ See [what past participants in GYC programs have to say about their experiences](#)
- ✓ Review the answers to [frequently asked questions](#)
- ✓ Check out our [fundraising ideas and tips](#) and consider how you can find the money needed to participate
- ✓ Discuss the program with your family, friends, teachers and other important people in your life
- ✓ Reflect on why this program is a good fit for you, including what you hope to learn and what you hope to contribute

About Global Youth Connect

Global Youth Connect's *is building and supporting a community of youth who are actively promoting and protecting human rights, and educating and inspiring the next generation to work for peaceful change.* We believe educated, compassionate and empowered youth are the key to achieving tolerance, peace and justice. Our programs *encourage young people to work together to stand up to abuses of human rights.* GYC practices a holistic approach to youth education and action which is grounded in a commitment to the *principles of human rights, community-building, reconciliation and peaceful resolution of conflicts.*



In Rwanda: GYC Participants at the Nyange School Memorial for students who refused to separate into groups of Tutsi and Hutu, and who were then killed by the genocidal militias

GYC was founded in 1997 by young people and leaders in the fields of human rights and genocide prevention who were intent on finding new ways to prevent the crimes against humanity then ravaging the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, and other zones of conflict around the world. As a result, a group of international young leaders bonded together to build an organization whose goal would be to prevent such atrocities from occurring in the first place.

The answer was clear: one key to preventing massive violations of human rights and protecting basic freedoms *lies in organizing the world's youth to take action cross culturally.*

Human Rights Learning & Action Communities (HRLACs)

Our work has always focused on human rights in general as a good starting point for discussion and action. We use the concept of human rights in a cross cultural setting to mobilize youth, civil society, and policy makers to make positive change in the world.

For the past 12 years, GYC has been organizing Human Rights Learning and Action Communities (HRLACs) in the following countries: *Bosnia, Cambodia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Rwanda, Nepal, and Venezuela.* The topics and themes vary from program to program and have included: *conflict transformation and peacebuilding, children's rights, indigenous rights, human rights/social justice and refugee issues.*

GYC's HRLACs are unique opportunities to cross cultural boundaries and learn about the daily reality of human rights as experienced in a complex and increasingly globalized world. Each program brings together a committed group of visiting participants with their peers from a host country, and together they learn and act as one community of cross cultural youth.

In 2012, we are turning our gaze to the USA, where the concept of human rights can also be used to understand and overcome challenges facing even a country commonly referred to as being "developed". The human rights movement is beginning to gain a foothold in the USA. *Check out this video to learn more about the movement to address Human Rights in the USA: <http://witness.org/campaigns/all-campaigns/us-human-rights-network>* GYC has a unique voice that will help propel this movement to the next level! We will ensure that the human rights movement in the USA is connected to the human rights movement globally. This will have a notable effect on GYC's programming overseas as well.

Human Rights in the USA Program Goals:

- Increase all participants' understanding of the human rights situation in the USA and in other countries around the world.
- Increase all participants' understanding of the context and practice of human rights learning and action/advocacy. We aim to better understand how the promotion and protection of a human rights framework can be used as an effective tool to help prevent conflict, minimize the potential for mass violence, eliminate the threat of genocide, and help strengthen societies in general, at the grassroots and governmental/multi-lateral levels.
- Build the skills, knowledge and confidence of youth, grassroots organizations, and NYC policy makers to raise awareness, take action and work collaboratively on projects to promote and defend human rights.
- Facilitate cross-cultural dialogue, which is crucial for the success of both international and local human rights initiatives
- Foster personal and emotional growth by testing boundaries and limitations, reflecting critically on our own cultures, exploring how the choices we make affect the lives of others, building strong

cross-cultural connections and finding positive outlets for service to promote human rights

- Create networking opportunities for all of the youth and organizations involved in the program

2012 NYC Program Activities

This program will include GYC's signature activities:

- **An interactive human rights workshop** that brings all participants together to build common frameworks of understanding, analyze shared human rights concerns, build new skills to promote and protect human rights, and share ideas for collaborative projects. Workshop topics may include: *perspectives of human rights in our home communities, exploring a shared definition of "human rights," a case study analysis of international human rights standards, human rights in NYC, pre- and post- genocide Rwanda and Bosnia; human rights documentation and monitoring, strategies to promote human rights learning, and critical leadership and action skills.*
- **Site and Observation Visits** in association with local partnering organizations to learn more about the political, economic and social advantages and challenges experienced by New Yorkers today; these visits include *dialogue with local human rights defenders, government and UN/international institution representatives, youth and local communities*; the visits put human rights concerns into context and explore grassroots strategies to achieve change.
- **Volunteer service with grassroots NGOs** to gain hands-on experience and contribute to changes taking place in the host city/country -- NYC. This service builds upon the work already being done at the organization, and may include advocacy initiatives associated with other program activities such as site visits to policy makers who deal with the issues facing that organization.

"It was so wonderful to know that during this intensive human rights learning experience we really took action. We all, the Rwandans and North Americans working together, in collaboration with organizations, made a positive impact on a variety of issues in a variety of ways."

"I can't wait to see the impact the HRLA model will have when it is done in the USA!"

Partnering Organizations:

We have a growing list of partnering organizations in NYC, all of which have expressed interest in serving as the grassroots human rights organizations in the Learning and Action Community should there be enough interest from our incoming participants. These organizations include:

The New York City Coalition Against Hunger
www.nycnah.org

The Juvenile Justice Project of the Correctional Association of NY (includes LGBT component)
<http://www.correctionalassociation.org/JJP/index.htm> Also, see the June 2011 GYC Newsletter at www.globalyouthconnect.org for a write-up about the current Juvenile Justice issues

The James Baldwin School (small public high school)
www.thejamesbaldwinschool.org

VIBE Theatre Experience (young women expressing themselves through theatre and music)
www.vibetheater.org

The Floating Hospital of Long Island City (health care for the homeless and women who are victims of domestic violence) <http://www.thefloatinghospital.org>

WBAI's First Voices Indigenous Radio Program (focusing on the voices and rights of indigenous peoples)
<http://www.wbai.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=394&Itemid=42>

Kids Creative (conflict resolution for youth through the arts) <http://www.kidscreative.org/>



At a Peacebuilding Camp put on by Kids Creative

Community Development International (local and global environmental sustainability projects) <http://www.cdi-international.org/page/localnyccommunity>

Pasos Peace Museum (peacebuilding through education and the arts) <http://www.pasospeacemuseum.org/>

In addition to the above organizations, Global Youth Connect has run events with the UN Youth Program and other International Institutions which will play special roles in this upcoming program as well.



--GYC's "Youth in Armed Conflict" Side Event at the UN General Assembly, October 2010, held in collaboration with the UN Youth Programme and the Rwandan Permanent Mission to the UN

Parallel Workshop Tracks/Activities:

In addition to participating in the combined program activities, participants will also choose one of two workshop tracks during the three week experience:

Track One -- Theatre for Human Rights Learning: This track includes the perfection and performance of an interactive, educational theatre play on the topic of youth's perceptions of human rights around the world. Global Youth Connect will then continue to perform this play in NYC middle and high schools, as well as for audiences far and wide after 2012.

Track Two -- Blogging/Writing for Human Rights: This track will include the documentation of the activities of the program and related training in blogging/media/journalism.

Sample Schedule

June 22	Visiting Participants Arrive in NYC
June 23	Day of Rest and Orientation
	Afternoon: Summit Begins
June 24	Human Rights Theory Exploration
	Tour Of NYC
	Workshop Day 1
June 25	Meet NYC Government Officials
	Evening Performance: Off-Broadway
	Workshop Day 2
June 26	Indigenous Issues: Museum of the American Indian and Tour in NYC with Tiokasin Ghosthorse
	Workshop Day 3
June 27	Human Rights in a Global Setting including Visit to UN
June 28	Volunteer Service Planning Meetings at Grassroots Organizations
June 29	Human Rights & Economic Development – Discussions
June 30	Day Off – Saturday
July 1	Afternoon: Human Rights & Religion
July 2	Volunteer Service Day 1
July 3	Volunteer Service Day 2
July 4	July 4th Celebrations
July 5	Group Excursion – Upstate New York and the Pequot Museum, CT
July 6	Volunteer Service Day 3
July 7	Workshop
July 8	Day Off
July 9	Volunteer Service Day 4
July 10	Volunteer Service Day 5
July 11	Workshop and Site Visit to Department of Social Services
July 12	Site Visit: NY City Human Rights Commission and Mayor's Office
	Wrap-Up Day
July 13	Graduation / Closing
	Press Conference
July 14	Visiting Participants Depart

Readings and Preparations

In advance of and during the program, we will study the roots of human rights challenges facing New Yorkers and those in the USA and North America in general. We will also complement the readings with background on the Rwandan and Bosnian genocides/history and about any other countries from which participants will be coming. All participants will be furnished with extensive logistical orientation materials for the experience.



GYC Alumni Global Village

After the program, you will join a growing network of Global Youth Connect alumni from around the world. We strongly encourage all participants to remain involved with GYC programs, stay connected with other participants, and find ways to provide on-going support one another. As part of its GYC Alumni Village, GYC generally organizes the following post-program activities:

- Listserv for all GYC alumni around the world to stay connected to each other and keep updated on how to remain involved
- Articles by alumni in the newsletter
- Retreats, events and meetings bringing together past program participants for renewed dialogue, reflection and action

We hope all program participants will take part and contribute their ideas and energy to the global movements of young human rights activists working together for compassion, human rights and responsibilities.

Program Staff

Jesse Hawkes Executive Director & Rwanda Program Director & USA Program Director

Jesse is a social activist, professional actor/singer, theatre director, writer, researcher, and youth development programmer. Jesse has served as GYC's Executive Director since 2009, and has also been GYC's Rwanda Program director since 2007, organizing over 12 human rights learning and action youth summits in collaboration with local Rwandan partner organizations. Jesse has performed in over forty plays, ranging from Shakespeare to musicals and opera, working with companies such as the National Shakespeare Company, the Williamstown Theatre Festival, the American Repertory Theatre, and the Living Theatre. In fact, it was in a musical about children's fears of nuclear war, when he was 8 years old, that Jesse was first introduced to the concept of human rights. The production led him to sing for children's rights to life and peace in Vermont, USA, Europe, even the USSR. After receiving his BA in

History from Harvard University in 1999, Jesse continued his performance career based out of NYC for two years and soon began to pursue a life-long dream of contributing to community development through theatre projects in other parts of the world, starting in Haiti in 2000. In 2002, he served as a visiting artist at the Community Arts Project in Cape Town, South Africa where he directed, wrote and facilitated a community development theatre project in the township of Langa in collaboration with South African artists and youth. Jesse lived and worked in Kigali, Rwanda for six years, where he co-founded Rwandans Allied for Peace and Progress (RAPP). With RAPP, Jesse created RAPSIDA, an HIV prevention program for over sixty Rwandan high schools and communities, utilizing a combination of innovative theatre methods, peer education, and outreach activities. With RAPSIDA, he co-wrote a radio mini-series for the Rwandan Ministry of Education, and also directed four short films for PSI/CNLS and the first Rwandan Film Festival. He also wrote films about HIV Prevention in the Rwandan military and Condom Promotion for Population Services International (PSI-Rwanda). As a performer, in collaboration with the Rwandan Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport and Mashirika Performing Arts, Jesse performed at the 10th memorial service of the 1994 genocide at Amahoro Stadium, Kigali. In 2009, Jesse re-located to NYC, where he is thrilled to be running Global Youth Connect's operations and building the USA Program in concert with the two other currently running programs, Rwanda and Bosnia. He cannot wait to see the results of the cross pollination of ideas between the three.



--Steering committee meeting at Fordham Law School with Leaders of Some of the Organizations collaborating with GYC on the NYC program

Program Tuition and Conditions

GYC is committed to providing a high quality experience to all participants. We have done everything possible to minimize the costs to participate in this program.

Program Tuition

The program tuition for this program is:

- *\$3000 per Participant not from NYC*
- *\$2000 per Participant from NYC-metro area*

Please note that the program tuition does NOT include the cost of international airfare, subway transportation for NYC youth, many meals and personal expenses. Please read below for a list of what is and is not included in the program tuition and a breakdown of how this money is spent to realize the goals of the program.

Program Tuition Breakdown

- 30% Staff support and project management
- 30% Food and Lodging
- 30% Direct costs of Activities
- 10% GYC administrative costs

Included in the Program Tuition

- Coordination and planning of workshops, meetings, site visits, fieldwork projects and other formal delegation activities
- Pre-trip departure information (including advice on fundraising and logistics), required reading packet, participant support and mentoring
- Costs and expenses related to coordinating and planning fieldwork projects as organized by GYC.
- Orientation and community-building activities
- Logistics coordination
- Basic medical travel insurance (foreign participants only)
- Shared accommodations in reputable, safe, clean, low-budget hotels, guest houses, personalized homestays, and/or dormitories
- Ground transportation for group activities, including airport transfer
- Experienced staff support, including a program director, program

coordinator/assistant, interns/volunteers, and staff support from the NYC partner organizations

- Post-program inclusion in a growing network of program alumni/ae working together to share ideas, resources, strategies and projects for human rights
- Scholarship recipients will receive a small stipend for personal incidentals

Not Included in the Program Tuition

- International airfare
- Personal expenses (any meals/food/transport outside of program) – note: scholarship recipients will receive a small stipend
- Vaccinations, medications and other health expenses
- Trip cancellation insurance (optional)
- Travel that is not a part of the formal program schedule

Additional Estimated Expenses

International airfare \$1,700-\$2,300
Cancellation Insurance \$135 (optional)

Actual costs will vary depending on where you are traveling from, your personal financial circumstances, your spending habits and how soon you are able to purchase your plane ticket.

Fundraising

We recognize that financial obstacles are often one of the biggest challenges for our participants. It is our past experience that participants of all means and backgrounds have been able to successfully locate sources of funding to participate in our programs using many of the ideas and strategies presented in the GYC Fundraising Guide.

You can download the fundraising guide from our website at the following link:

www.globalyouthconnect.org/fundraising_guide.pdf

Payment Deadlines and Policy

Payment Deadlines (Non-NYC Youth)

December 31	\$500 (via Credit Card)
January 31	\$1000
March 10	\$1000
April 21	\$500

Please note that all tuition payments, once received, are non-refundable and non-transferable to another GYC program. Accepted applicants are not guaranteed a spot in the program until the initial tuition payment of \$500 is received. If a participant fails to make payments on the program tuition by the deadlines stated above they will forfeit their spot in the program and any tuition payments made up to that point may not be refunded according to GYC's refund and cancellation policies. Any scholarship recipients will be required to make a reduced deposit of \$200 to hold their place in the program no later than 2 weeks following their acceptance into the program. If they are a full scholarship recipient, this deposit will be refunded to them after the close of the program.

Scholarships

Provided the program has full enrollment, GYC is committed to offering at least:

- *The equivalent* of six full tuition scholarships to youth living in NYC*
- *The equivalent* of one full-tuition scholarship (including airfare) to a participant from outside NYC, but who is from the USA or Canada.*
- *The equivalent* of two full scholarships (including airfare, but not including VISA expenses) to participants from outside of the United States/Canada.*

***By saying “equivalent,” GYC Reserves the right to break up these scholarships into smaller portions so as to help more candidates meet their fundraising goals.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please answer the Scholarship Application Question on the last page of this document. However, please be advised that we weigh a participants fundraising strategy and ability to obtain the tuition fees as a factor in our

decisions, so we encourage applicants to have a well thought out fundraising plan?.

Application Information and Procedures

Application Deadline

November 30, 2011 @ 5 p.m. (EST)

Application Instructions

To apply, please submit the following:

- Completed application form (at the end of this document)
- Current resume

Please send all completed applications and supporting materials to contact@globalyouthconnect.org.

Only electronic applications will be accepted

Eligibility Requirements

The application is open to young leaders/scholars from the USA and Canada, as well as young leaders from around the world with a valid visa to visit the United States. Individuals without a visa are welcome to apply, but they will need to prove affiliation with an organization which commit to assisting them with the visa process. See application for more details.

- Age 18-30 *Note: GYC Alumni who are 35 years old or younger are welcome to apply.
- Proficiency in the English Language both written and spoken.
- Demonstrated interest and experience in human rights, social justice, activism, community development, and/or international issues. Practical experience in any of these areas will be looked upon highly favorably.
- Emotional and psychological maturity and the ability to adapt to challenging circumstances
- Demonstrated interest in actively participating in all of the activities of the program, a strong desire to learn and serve, and a commitment to share the experience with others upon return to the U.S. and

- to continue to work on collaborative projects building upon the delegation experience
- Commitment to raise the necessary funds to cover the program tuition and travel costs associated with participation in the program

We strongly encourage individuals of diverse backgrounds, in terms of gender, race, culture, sexuality, class, nationality, and other backgrounds to apply. We are committed to bringing a team together that possesses a diversity of voices, opinions, experiences and perspectives.

Selection Process

Participants will be selected for this program on a competitive basis. As we keep the program size small, we typically receive more applications than we have spaces available in each program. Submission of an application does not guarantee participation. Therefore, we strongly advise you to take the application process seriously and respond thoughtfully and thoroughly to all questions.

We will confirm receipt of all applications. Please contact us if you do not receive confirmation of receipt of your application. All applications will be reviewed by the program director. A short list of applicants will be contacted via e-mail to arrange a phone interview shortly after the deadline for applications. The final group for this program will be selected from those invited for interviews.

Participants who are interviewed and not selected to participate and some of those who are not interviewed may be invited to serve as an alternate in case someone drops out of the program. All potential participants will be notified about their acceptance into the program on a timely basis.

Applicants invited to participate in the program will be asked to make a decision within no more than 5 (five) days of being notified by the program director of their acceptance into the program, or else GYC reserves the right to offer their position to another candidate from the wait-list.

Those who accept the invitation to attend will be required to make an initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 to hold their space in the program by no later than December 31th (via Credit Card). Participation in the program is not guaranteed until an

applicant has made the initial deposit/payment. Any scholarship recipients will be required to make a reduced deposit of \$200 to hold their place in the program. This will be refunded to them after the close of the program.

Once we receive a verbal commitment from selected participants, GYC will send additional information and materials on the details of the program.

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Human Rights in the USA Program

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

*Summer Program in New York City
June 22 - July 14, 2012*

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Connecting young leaders (ages 16 - 30) from NYC, the USA, and around the world, to learn about human rights achievements and address significant human rights issues!

In collaboration with local New York NGOs including:

The New York City Coalition Against Hunger, the Juvenile Justice Project of the Correctional Association, Kids Creative, viBe Theatre Experience, Pasos Peace Museum, First Voices Indigenous Radio, The Floating Hospital of Long Island City & the James Baldwin School



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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION:

VISITING Participants (Not Residents of NYC-Metro Area)

Human Rights in the USA Program: New York (June 22 – July 14, 2012)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Before submitting an application, please read all of the program information in this packet to make sure you are familiar with the program goals, dates, activities and costs.
- **Application Deadline = November 30, 2011 @ 5 pm (EST)**
- Please submit this application to GYC along with a copy of a current resume. Applications must include a resume in order to be considered complete. Please type your application in English and use as much space as you need to.
- Anyone applying from outside the USA or Canada must include a scanned copy of their VISA to the United States or a letter of support from an institution/organization that will help them secure a visa after being admitted. Note: GYC will not pay for any VISA filing fees.
- Applications and attachments should be sent via e-mail to contact@globallyouthconnect.org. All applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Please contact us if you do not receive confirmation from us that your application has been received.

Personal Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Current Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Female Male

Occupation _____ School/Employer _____

Languages and Proficiency _____

What is your previous travel experience? _____

How did you learn about this program? _____

Are you applying to any other GYC Programs at this time? _____

If you are not a resident of Canada or the USA, do you have a VISA to the United States? _____

IF YES, Please attach a scanned copy of it.

IF NOT, do you have an institution/organization which can write a statement on your behalf to guarantee GYC that they will sponsor your VISA application process and ensure that it is completed to the best ability? Please list organization name: _____ (and Attach the letter with the organization's contact information clearly noted).

If you are a GYC Alumnus, please indicate the program(s) and dates in which you participated:

If you are not an Alumni, have you previously applied for a GYC program? If so, for which program(s):

Select the top three skills that you would like to obtain by participating in this program.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cross-cultural communication | <input type="checkbox"/> fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community development | <input type="checkbox"/> advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> awareness-raising/public education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> action planning | <input type="checkbox"/> program evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> program design and implementation | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> media/communication | |

Select the top three issues you are most interested in learning more about during this program.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> human rights (general) | <input type="checkbox"/> conflict resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> children and youth issues | <input type="checkbox"/> environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> women's issues | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> indigenous rights | <input type="checkbox"/> democracy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian & foreign aid | <input type="checkbox"/> poverty and economic development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> international law & politics | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> education | |

Please provide us with your top 3 preferences the organizations in NYC (that are listed on page 4 of this document) with which you would be willing to volunteer time during this program – and from which you would like to learn in the office/field. Please describe why you have chosen them as your top choices. We would like to see that you have done some research about them based on the information given to you thus far:

If you do not see an issue represented by these organizations that you would like to have addressed during this program, please describe the issue and why you would like to study it, or work on it, during this program. Related to this, if you believe you have seen other local organizations in NYC that would be good partners on these additional issue areas, please list their name and information. While we cannot work on

every issue suggested, we do not want to discourage fine applicants if they have a suggestion to offer, so please do offer the suggestion!

If you could choose between the two Parallel Workshop Activity Tracks (Theatre/Arts & Blogging/Journalism) which would you choose, and why?

Please provide us with a one paragraph description of yourself, including any relevant personal information and your educational and professional background.

Why are you interested in participating in this program? What do you hope to experience and learn? What do you hope to bring to the team that will participate in the program with you?

What are your current goals in life? What do you hope to be doing in 5 years? How does that relate to the goals of this program?

How much do you know about New York City and its history? What are your expectations of what the city will be like today?

What are your main concerns about participating in the program?

What type of training, information or other support do you feel you need to receive before the program in order to feel prepared?

How will your experience in this program be linked to human rights efforts in your home communities? How will you share the experience with people in your networks and communities?

Describe how you plan to raise the money necessary to participate in this program. Note: If you would like to apply for one of the limited scholarships, you will find the application at the end of this document, but we still encourage you to seek alternative forms of funding your trip, so please describe all your options here before going to the scholarship application.

Is there anything else you would like to share with us that you feel we should know about your interest in participating in this program?

Please list the names of the two (2) people who can contact to serve as references on your behalf. Please include their name, title, affiliation, and both a phone number and an e-mail address where we can reach them.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION for Human Rights in the USA Program:

IMPORTANT: Before answering these questions, please consult with institutions and organizations in your home areas and networks about how they can help sponsor your participation. If you still find it necessary to apply for a scholarship, please do so, but please note that these scholarships are very limited. GYC is only able to commit to fundraising for the following:

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- The equivalent* of one full-tuition scholarship (including airfare) to a participant from outside NYC, but who is from the USA or Canada.
- The equivalent* of two full scholarships (including airfare, but not including VISA expenses) to participants from outside of the United States/Canada.

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SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS:

(A) Which institutions did you approach about sponsoring your participation in this program? And what was their response to your request?

(B) Describe your financial situation and that of your family. Please attach documentation to support your statement (i.e. tax forms, etc).

(C) Please indicate how much money you will be able to pay yourself and mobilize from other sources to support your participation in this program.

(D) Please acknowledge that you understand you will be required to pay a deposit of \$200 in order to hold your position on the program. If you are on a full scholarship, this will be repaid to you after the program is over.