



YEEP STUDENTS APPLICATION FORM

Instructions for completing Form Number S-1

(After completing application, retain this information for your records.)

The proper completion of this form is of great importance to students who seek a YEEP placement. Students enhance their opportunity for placement if their applications are neat and legible, since this is the primary resource available on each student for the Service Directors who refer students to families for consideration. In addition to a well thought out application, clear photos also make a difference. It is suggested that the student provide several copies. Essays should be limited to one typed page. Keep in mind that all of the material will be photocopied several times. If the initial copy is not good, the photocopies will be worse.

Before you go further with this application, there are some specific guidelines you are asked to observe. These are fundamental to a successful placement. If you cannot in good faith agree to these principles, then it is for your benefit that you not apply.

First, all applicants are asked to read the objectives of Y's Men's International as stated in Article II of the Constitution.

Article II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 The International Association of Y's Men's Clubs is a worldwide fellowship of persons of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and with a common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian Association, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all mankind.

Section 2 The objectives of the Association are:

- A. To encourage, promote, and foster organization and maintenance of affiliated clubs throughout the world.
- B. To coordinate activities of all affiliated clubs and provide training materials and personal leadership development.

Section 3 The objectives of all affiliated clubs are:

- A. To function primarily as service clubs for the YMCA.
- B. To support other worthy organizations.
- C. To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.
- D. To keep members informed on and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters.
- E. To cultivate good fellowship.
- F. To support International, Area and Regional projects of the Association.

You are further asked to respond in the affirmative to these following questions:

1. Are you prepared to adapt to the life and customs of your host family?
2. Are you willing to be a representative of your family, community, country and Y's Men's International in your host country?
3. As a member of the host family, are you willing to take responsibility in the home - helping with household duties, for example?
4. Have you considered how you might react to disagreements in the home? Can you comply with the wishes of the host parents?
5. Are you prepared to learn the language (if different from your own), and apply your best skills and aptitudes in school?
6. Are you prepared not only to learn, but to share information about your culture and country with other students, with Y's Men's Clubs, with the church - through talks, slides, brochures, etc?
7. Are you willing to summarize your experience when you return home in a report to your Service Director, and to share your experience in your own community?

When you sign the application, you are asked to acknowledge your agreement with these statements.

Specific directions to items where appropriate:

#1 – Name of applicant: List first, middle name or initial and family or last name. Underscore the given name you prefer if different from your first name.

#9 – Home telephone: Include area or city code.

#13- Rate your overall ability at speaking, reading and writing each language.

#21- Health: If you have any health problems, please have your physician complete Certificate of Health, Form S-3.

#23- If you responded affirmatively to this item, please describe under what conditions and how frequently you use alcoholic beverages.

#26, 27- Your application will be submitted to first and second choice locations, and later to the third choice if no offers are forthcoming. Under #27, you can further specify an area or region within the country listed above.

#28- A rural area is a farming community or farm location; a small town is up to 10,000; a medium city is up to 50,000; a large city is above 50,000.

#29- If you respond negatively, you will not be referred to countries, cities and homes other than you have requested.

#31- Please be very specific about this and items #32 and #33. We cannot confirm and complete plans without this information.

#38- Sincere responses to these items assist in placement with a family where similar values exist.

The complete application will contain form S-1, including the parents' section signed by both parents, and the sponsor club's section; the essay, S-3 (when necessary); S-4 (if the student plans extensive independent travel); and R-2, the interview form. When submitted, the application should include the initial payment of 50 Swiss francs. This is sometimes paid by the family, but more commonly by the Sponsor Club. A second payment of 80 Swiss francs is payable upon confirmation of placement. Any bank can write a bank draft in Swiss francs payable to Y's Men's International.

The complete application is to be submitted to the Regional Service Director for YEEP in the student's Region. For September placements, the application should be submitted by December 1 of the previous year, for January placements, the application should be submitted by August 1 of the previous year. Applications submitted by the deadline will be given first priority for placement. Others will be referred to the proper area as received, however, will not be marked for priority consideration.

YEEP is an educational exchange program, meaning that the student is expected to attend school full time during the placement. The preferred ages for the exchange are 16 through 18. A few younger students have been placed as well as some older students. However, the best opportunity for placement is between these ages. Families in some areas appear to prefer younger students, while others prefer older students.

Parents of YEEP students are asked to consider hosting a student as a part of the exchange system. They may wish to apply for a student while their own student is placed, but most prefer to host a student in a subsequent year. The parent's portion of the application asks the parents to express interest in this part of the program. We also ask parents to review the student's application and provide help when needed.

Finally, the Sponsor Club is asked to make a statement indicating support of this application. In the process, the club is responsible for arranging an interview with the applicant and completing the R-2 form. This process is to be carefully and thoughtfully completed.

Applicants who have submitted the material on time are unlikely to receive an inquiry about placement until March or April of the year they seek placement. Unfortunately, homes are not located for all applicants. If unsuccessful a first year, students are encouraged to apply again. When an application is renewed for a second year, no further application fee is necessary. The placement fee will be required when a placement is confirmed.