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July 20 – 26, 2008

Application

Pennsylvania Family Institute has organized a group of Christian men and women involved in the fields of Christian ministry, education, business, law, public policy, media and public service for the purpose of sponsoring an educational opportunity, which we call the City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference. The students are selected on a merit basis from Christian churches and schools throughout the State of Pennsylvania to participate in a fun and informative week of fellowship, study and training at Lancaster Bible College.

Highlights of the program include workshops on our Christian heritage, the government of Pennsylvania, community impact, and the influence of the news media. Fun recreation and entertainment opportunities will also be provided in the evenings to give everyone a great opportunity to get to know one another. Participants will tour the Capitol building, conduct a mock legislative session, and meet with members of the Pennsylvania Legislature. The conference will conclude with a special banquet and awards ceremony.

Students and their small group discussion leaders will reside in dormitories located on the campus of Lancaster Bible College. Transportation during the conference, meals and program materials are included in the cost of the conference.

Requirements

Applicant must:

- ✓ Be a Christian youth 15 – 18 years of age (unless otherwise approved by the conference administrator), enrolled in high school (or recently graduated), or currently being home schooled at the high school level;
- ✓ Demonstrate interest in political and religious affairs;
- ✓ Submit a completed application package postmarked by May 24, 2008 (Early Registration).

This package contains the following forms and questions, which must be completed in full:

**APPLICATION (WITH ESSAY QUESTIONS) AND STUDENT COVENANT
2008 CITY ON THE HILL CONFERENCE PAYMENT TEAR OFF
SCHOLARSHIP WORK SHEET FORM
MEDICAL INFORMATION & HISTORY
PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FORM
MEDIA AUTHORIZATION & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FORM
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

In Order to Assure a Space at the Conference
Completed Applications Must Be Postmarked By May 24, 2008.
Late Registration is Accepted Until June 25, 2008.

SEND ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

**Pennsylvania Family Institute
23 North Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17101**



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STUDENT INFORMATION - Please Print Clearly in Ink and Attach Recent Photo

Name _____ Date of Birth: _____
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Home Address _____
Number & Street Name

City, State, Zip _____ Age: _____

E-mail Address _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Phone _____ Name for ID Badge _____
(Required for contact purpose) (First Name or Nickname)

Circle One
Male
Female

Mailing Address _____
(If different from Home Address)

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor/Priest or Youth Leader's Name _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

Phone () _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

REFERENCE INFORMATION

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Essay Questions

COTH alumni may skip this part of the application and move to the Student Covenant.

The following questions will help our decision making process for this year's youth leadership conference. Please attach your answers (printed or typed) to the application.

General Interest Questions

Answer each question in 50-100 words.

1. What are your reasons for attending this conference?
2. What is something you have accomplished about which you feel good?
3. Write about your career goals and why you have set these goals.

Essay Question

Choose one topic from the list below and explain your reasons for voting for or against the issue. Respond in 400-600 words.

- A. Abortion - (either) state funding or parental consent.
- B. Relationship between church and state.
- C. Cloning human embryos for experimental research.
- D. Sex education in schools – AIDS, abstinence, condoms.
- E. Should homosexual or “same-sex” marriage be legalized?
- F. Placing restrictions on obscenity and nudity on television and radio.
- G. Gambling expansion. Should government promote gambling?

Activities

List church, community and school involvement below. This may include any office you currently hold or have held, club membership, after-school activities, or work experience. Give the length of involvement and the grade you were in at the time you were engaged in the activity. Please do not feel as though you must have an entry for every area.

Church Activities

Length of Involvement and Grade Level

Work/Intern Experience

Length of Involvement and Grade Level

School Activities

Length of Involvement and Grade Level



Student Covenant

City on the Hill (COTH) Youth Leadership Conference is primarily a **leadership** training/study camp for **committed Christian** teens (15 to 18 years of age). We want to make your experience here enjoyable, rewarding and challenging. The staff is committed to helping you grow as a leader and is looking forward to working with you. The development of leadership skills includes taking responsibility for your own life and conduct. Please read the following carefully:

A. *The Bible says that Christians should “think on things that are excellent” and “avoid all appearance of evil.”*

I will maintain the highest moral standards and maintain a clear personal witness through proper conduct and modest dress.

I will not drink or possess alcoholic beverages while at COTH; I will not possess or use any type of illegal drugs, engage in offensive language, smoking, etc.

B. *Leadership involves self-discipline, which means accepting personal responsibility to do those things that are expected of you “as unto the Lord.” Christian leadership involves servant-hood. Jesus said, “Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant.”*

I will attend and be prompt and attentive in all classes and activities. I will keep my belongings, room, my public areas, and myself neat and clean. I will be in my dorm by 11:00pm and in my room and quiet by 11:30pm. I will not leave my dorm room before 6:00am. I will not leave the campus without permission.

I will display a servant attitude toward my fellow delegates and staff.

C. *COTH is an environment conducive to learning and personal growth, and one in which you can make friends and not be distracted by outside influences.*

I will not bring to COTH anything that would detract from this goal; this includes radios, boom boxes, walk-mans, music, computers, game-boys, cell phones, pagers, TV’s, VCR’s and inappropriate literature.

D. *COTH is held at Lancaster Bible College and the Pennsylvania State Capitol. We believe it is important to present a clear testimony for Jesus Christ among our neighbors and in the community.*

I will respect the property, privacy, and rights of others, including those of others not associated with COTH. I will not enter the dorm room of a member of the opposite sex. I will not “pair off” with a member(s) of the opposite sex or go off on my own or with another student, without permission from COTH staff at anytime. I will not arrange any meetings with any non-City on the Hill participants. At all times I will be with three or more people at a time.

E. *The Bible commands us to submit to authority.*

I agree to willingly abide by the rules of City on the Hill, modeling respect for those in authority, regarding my fellow delegates with dignity, and looking for opportunities to serve.

I have read and I agree to all of the above. I understand that I will be asked to leave at my own expense if I do not abide by the City on the Hill regulations.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____



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Application Check Off List

Please include the following items with your application:

- A Recent Photograph of You
- COTH Youth Leadership Conference Application Form
- Essay Questions and Activities Form (except for COTH alumni)
- Signed Student Covenant
- 2008 City on the Hill Conference Payment Tear Off
- Scholarship Work Sheet Form (If Applicable)
- Medical Information & History
- Parental Authorization Form
- Media Authorization
- Travel Arrangements Form
- Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor, Youth Pastor or Priest
(There is no form included in the application.)

We recommend that you keep a copy of all forms for your records especially the following:

- Signed Student Covenant
- Scholarship Work Sheet Form
- Travel Arrangements Form

NOTE: YOUR NAME SHOULD BE ON EACH SHEET OF PAPER YOU RETURN TO US!



Conference Fee Schedule

All fees may be paid by check or charge (fill out tear off form below). We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Please make checks payable to the Pennsylvania Family Institute.

Application Fee: \$75 due at time of application for all applications **postmarked by May 24th**. This fee is required of every student who applies for the conference; cancellations will not be refunded.
(Students not accepted to the conference will have their fees returned.)

Late

Application Fee: \$100 due at time of application for all applications **postmarked after May 24th through June 25th**.
ALL applications must be postmarked no later than June 25, 2008 in order to be considered for COTH 2008.

Payment Balance: \$325 balance must be **postmarked by July 8, 2008**.

We encourage students to include full fees at time of application.

City On The Hill Conference Tuition Totals

Total Conference Tuition thru May 24th:

\$400.00 (Application Fee and Payment Balance)

Space availability after June 2nd is on a first come, first served basis.

Total Conference Tuition with Late Application (May 24th thru June 25th):

\$425.00 (Late Application Fee and Payment Balance)

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2008 City on the Hill Conference Payment

Please Print Clearly in Ink

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____

My check is enclosed for \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to the Pennsylvania Family Institute.

Please charge \$ _____ to my credit card.

Visa MasterCard Discover Card No. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Exp. Date (Required) _____/_____/_____

Cardholder's Signature _____



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Scholarship Worksheet

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The following is to help provide you with the resources to attend the City on the Hill 2008 Youth Leadership Conference. The staff of City on the Hill will do everything possible to work with you to ensure your attendance if you are willing to do your part.

Application Fee (Student/Family Responsibility) \$75 / \$100 (Late Application)

Amount (beyond the Application Fee) my parents/guardians are able to sacrifice for my attendance at the conference. _____

Amount (beyond Application Fee) I, the student applying, will be able to pay personally. _____

Amount that my church/private sponsor or community organization is willing to contribute on my behalf to attend this conference. _____

Sub Total _____

Additional amount needed from PFI scholarship*** _____

Total Tuition Cost \$400 / \$425 (Late Application)

*****The additional amount needed is your request for scholarship assistance. This is an amount you feel is necessary financially for you to be able to attend the conference. Please briefly describe your request for financial assistance on the back of this sheet.**

Every person will have different needs. Please be honest with what you can do. If your need is great, do not be discouraged. We look for both honesty and need in our determination process. Our goal is to enable every student who wants to attend to receive this experience. The more each student can provide for themselves, the more we can assist truly needy students with scholarship funds.



Fundraising Strategies

Dear City on the Hill Student,

The following information has been put together to help you think of ways to raise money for this conference. Most of it is common sense, but when you see all the ideas together they should help to save some time in the brainstorming stage.

Raising your tuition should be no trouble if you are willing to put enough time into the process. This requires more than relying on parents to remind you to look for sponsors or work. Take responsibility now and determine that you are able to, and will gather the money you need to attend.

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES:

- 1.) Look at the calendar and figure out how much money you will have to raise each week before you make the final payment which is due July 8, 2008. Setting deadlines motivates you and at the same time offers a realistic and workable time frame in which you can accomplish your goal.
- 2.) Jobs that bring in low amounts of money should be considered. If you save, these small sums add up very quickly.

WORK:

- 1.) Contact a staff member at your church office and let them know you have services that can be offered to people in your church who will pay you. Explain why you need the money, and ask if an advertisement could be put in the bulletin, newsletter, the bulletin board, or through the standard methods of giving out information at your church.
- 2.) Ask if there are any jobs that need to be done at the church facility. For example, some churches pay baby sitters, window washers, lawn cutters, or might need extra secretarial work done in the office.

SPONSORS:

- 1.) Your youth group or any other group in your church might want to sponsor a fund-raising event to benefit you. An auction where goods and services are offered, a dinner, bake sale, concert, or a car wash are all good fund-raising events.
- 2.) The sponsor letter we have provided you will help explain what you will be doing at City on the Hill and why you need the money to attend. Please copy and make good use of the letter provided on the next page of the application packet.

Finally, do not let rejections discourage you. Every person at some point in his or her life has not received what he or she had hoped for. The key to overcoming discouragement is not allowing it to cause you to give up. The more times you ask for work or a sponsor, the greater your chances become for raising the money you need. Just stick with the process and you will see results!

For questions regarding additional information, call (717) 545-0600.

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Dear Friend,

The City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about governmental processes, to develop their leadership skills, and to increase their awareness of civic responsibilities. Throughout the six-day conference, students discuss current issues and career opportunities with lobbyists, journalists, lawyers, legislators and their staff. The students also participate in a mock legislative session where they debate actual bills in committee rooms and on the floor of the Pennsylvania Legislature. In addition to building leadership skills based on fundamental Christian principles, students have an opportunity to meet other teens that share similar values and convictions.

If skillful leadership and moral integrity are to continue in the public life of Pennsylvania, these values must be promoted and instilled in the next generation of leadership. The City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference is a great way for you to invest in our youth and our future. You can help by making a tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund. Tuition for this year's conference is \$370 per student, which includes housing, meals, materials, and transportation during the conference, and all other activities throughout the week. While students are encouraged to raise as much tuition money as they can, they need your support too. Please know that your contribution will be used exclusively for the City on the Hill conference.

Thank you for investing in the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

City on the Hill is a conference of the Pennsylvania Family Institute.
Pennsylvania Family Institute, 23 North Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17101 (717) 545-0600

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Name _____

Address _____

Organization _____

I am enclosing my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____

Please use \$_____ of my contribution for _____ tuition.
Student's Full Name

Please use \$_____ of my contribution for another student in need of assistance.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND RETURN TO:
Pennsylvania Family Institute
23 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101



A copy of the official registration and financial information of Pennsylvania Family Institute may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling toll-free, within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Medical Information & History

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Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Name of (Health) Insurance Company or Medical Plan _____

Address of Company _____

Policy Holder _____

Policy Number _____ Member Number _____

Do you have a family doctor (circle one)? Yes/No Name of Doctor _____

Address _____

Telephone () _____

Are you currently under a doctor's care (circle one)? Yes/No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you had an unfavorable reaction to any of the following medications? (Please circle the correct response)

Penicillin	Yes	No
Novocain	Yes	No
Antibiotics	Yes	No
Procaine	Yes	No
Sulfa	Yes	No
Other	_____	

Date of Last Tetanus shot: _____

List any Diseases you have or had: _____

List all medication you are taking, prescription and non-prescription: _____

List all allergies you have including food allergies: _____

Describe any physical condition that would require special arrangements: _____

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Parental Authorization Form

I hereby give my permission for my child to:

- A) Receive medical care and treatment of minor injuries, in the unlikely event of an emergency
- B) Participate in all activities of the 2008 City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number () _____

Date _____

Important: All students must have this form filled out and on file with the conference administrator prior to the conference.

NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (Please Print Clearly in Ink)

FIRST CONTACT

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian _____
Name

Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip

Work Phone () Home Phone () Cell Phone () _____

SECOND CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip

Work Phone () Home Phone () Cell Phone () _____

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Media Authorization

By affixing my signature below, I certify that I am the parent of (or legal guardian of, or I am 18 years old) (Name of Student)_____ and I do hereby grant my permission to the Pennsylvania Family Institute to publish, reprint, and/or use indefinitely photographs, video and audio of the above-mentioned student taken during the July 20–26, 2008 City on the Hill Youth Conference and the events in conjunction, in any way they deem appropriate.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

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Travel Arrangements Form

Please fill out the following form to better ensure a smooth and affordable arrival to the City on the Hill 2008 Youth Leadership Conference.

I have not yet made travel arrangements, but **will contact** you to confirm my arrangements.

I have already made my travel arrangements. (Please continue with the rest of the form.)

I will be arriving by:

CAR

Dropped off by my parents or friends

Driving myself to the conference

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Reg # _____ Year _____

Please note: Upon arrival all vehicles will be parked and remain there until departure from the conference.

PLANE Arrival Airline _____ Flight Number _____

Arrival Time _____

Departure Airline _____ Flight Number _____

Departure Time _____

AMTRAK Arrival Train Number _____ Arrival Time _____

Departure Train Number _____ Departure Time _____

BUS Arrival Bus Line _____ Bus Number _____

Arrival Time _____

Departure Bus Line _____ Bus Number _____

Departure Time _____

We will have a COTH staff person meet you and pick you up from the Harrisburg airport, train or bus station or anywhere in Harrisburg. We will also do the same to ensure that you make your departure home. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Shaheen (717) 545-0600 or eshaheen@pafamily.org.

It is your responsibility to keep us informed of any changes. Thank you.



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