

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
YOUTH CAUCUS APPLICATION
JUNE 14-17, 2023**

Are you applying to be a (circle one): page youth delegate

*A *page* helps with a variety of tasks at conference that can include: paperwork, carrying luggage, working in the YSF booth, helping at plenary, and handling distribution. They participate in all youth caucus activities.

*A *delegate* also helps with much of the same items as pages and participates in all youth caucus activities, but a delegate also sits in on all plenary sessions and gets to vote on legislation at annual conference. We typically look for 2 youth delegates per district. **Delegates must be members of a United Methodist Church at the time of Annual Conference!**

Please Print

NAME _____ Gender _____ Grade (2022-23) _____

STREET _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (_____) _____

E-MAIL _____ ETHNIC HERITAGE _____

T-SHIRT SIZE ____ HOME CHURCH _____ DISTRICT _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A PAGE OR DELEGATE BEFORE? YES ____ NO ____

Complete the following on the back of this application or attach a sheet, numbered appropriately.

1. Specifically list your involvement in your local church, and district.
2. Explain, in paragraph form, why you would like to be a page at Conference.

After prayerful consideration, I am ready and willing, if chosen, to be a page or delegate at Annual Conference, June 14-27, 2023. I have read the guidelines and am willing to abide by them.

Signature of Page Applicant: _____

My son or daughter has my (our) full support in his or her participation as a page or delegate at Annual Conference in Erie.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

As pastor of this youth, I give my endorsement of him/her as one who is mature enough to function effectively as a page or delegate in 2023.

Signature of Pastor: _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 30, 2023.

Send completed applications to:

Amanda Mitchell, Conference Youth Coordinator

The United Methodist Center

PO Box 5002

Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Notification will be given by letter in early-May 2023.

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH DELEGATES

Youth delegates are fully participating, voting members of Annual Conference. They sit on the floor of the Conference with other delegates. However, they come at the same time as the pages and help with the preliminary work. They must be willing to abide by the above guidelines. They must be FULL MEMBERS of a local United Methodist Church. It is expected that they will lead youth representation to Section meetings, attend all plenary meetings, and report nightly on Conference decisions. Delegates are encouraged to speak and debate issues on the Conference floor.

FOR PAGES:

1. Youth who have completed seventh grade by the spring of 2023 or is a 2023 high school graduate will have first priority.
2. Must attend the orientation session and remain throughout the entire Conference, **Wednesday, June 14 at 1:00 pm through Saturday, June 17, 2023.**
3. Must make own travel arrangements to and from Conference in Erie.
4. Must be willing to work at a variety of assignments including carrying luggage, delivering messages, operating snack booth, and early morning and late night assembling and distributing written materials, etc.
5. Must be willing to follow the rules set for the Youth Caucus and remain on Campus unless given specific permission by an adult advisor. You cannot leave campus early unless you have specific reasons and have cleared it with the youth coordinator in advance.
6. Must be housed with the pages, youth delegates, and advisors.
7. Clothing will be modest and respectful at this Christian event. One set of dress clothes will be worn for ushering the Ordination service. Three Annual Conference t-shirts will be used while serving on Thursday and Friday. Appropriate dress includes fingertip length shorts, and Christian t-shirts. Conversely, inappropriate dress includes short shorts/ skirts, low-cut tops, stomach revealing tops, and t-shirts advertising sex, drugs, alcohol, etc. For safety reasons, shoes covering the entire foot are required while working.
8. Will need to bring the following personal items: wash cloths, towels, soap, blanket (if necessary), pillow and sheets or sleeping bag, a fan, and a swimsuit.
9. Cell phones will be turned OFF during all work times. The conference will not be responsible for lost/stolen cell phones.
10. Are NOT allowed to have visitors on campus. If you do have an unexpected visitor, he or she must report to one of the Youth Caucus adult advisors.
11. Remember, as a page or delegate you represent the entire youth membership of Western Pennsylvania. We expect conduct and attire to be appropriate.
12. Youth can be sent home for breaking the covenant! When possible, adult advisors will always try to work out issues to the best of their ability, however, youth can be sent home for violent acts, sexual misconduct, drug and alcohol use, and/or continued disrespect to adult advisors and/or other youth.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

As a parent or guardian of the minor named below, I hereby authorize my child to participate in the following activity being conducted by the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church

Youth Caucus at Erie Bayfront Convention Center

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and release and discharge The Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church and its adult youth advisors for any injuries my child may sustain while participating in the activity. I also understand that I will be held financially responsible for any willful damage done to the college property during this activity.

Print Minor Child's Name

Youth's signature (if 18 or older)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Phone number where parent/guardian can be reached

YOUTH PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

I agree to be a fully participating member of the Youth Caucus at Erie Bayfront Convention Center, June 14-17, 2023. I agree to adhere to the guidelines and expectations, which include the prohibition of smoking, possession and/or use of alcohol and drugs not prescribed for me by my physician. If these rules aren't followed, you can be sent home at your parents' expense.

Participant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____