



Summer Youth Blitz

Habitat for Humanity® International Participant Application Form

June 12–25, Belen, New Mexico

July 10–23, Domestic—To be announced

July 3–16, International—To be announced

Applications are due by March 8

The Summer Youth Blitz is a unique service experience for a diverse group of youth, ages 16 to 18, from high schools and youth organizations around the United States. During this program, 15 to 20 youth participants and adult leaders "blitz build" a Habitat house in two weeks. In the evenings, the youth participate in activities like team-building games, leadership development, local cultural events or community dinners. This program is sponsored by national grant donations and coordinated by the Campus Chapters and Youth Programs department of Habitat for Humanity International.

How much does the Summer Youth Blitz program cost?

Participants are responsible for their airfare to and from the designated airport, in addition to a \$450 program fee that covers room and board and supplemental medical insurance during the program. There are a limited number of scholarships available.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

On the SYB application, there is a place for you to mark if you would like to be considered for a scholarship.

Do I need to have construction skills in order to participate?

No! Everyone comes as a volunteer. Just be open-minded and willing to learn!

How old do I have to be to participate?

You need to be between the ages of 16 and 18 at the time of the build. What if I am graduating this summer but am still 18? You're still eligible to apply!

Will we be able to meet the partner/homeowner family?

Absolutely! They will spend as much time as possible building on site with the group. Each family is required to put in a certain number of "sweat-equity" hours working on their own home.

How old is Summer Youth Blitz?

SYB has been active since its first program in 1993, and to date the program has positively affected more than 350 youth from the United States and around the world.

SYB Scholarship Information

The Summer Youth Blitz Team is committed to selecting highly qualified candidates for SYB, irrespective of the ability of their families to pay the entire fee and airfare costs. Our scholarships are intended for those who could not otherwise participate in SYB. The following standards guide our evaluation of applicants for scholarships:

- SYB assumes that the family and candidate are responsible for the \$450 program fee and travel to the SYB site. Financial assistance is used as a supplement, when deemed necessary, to the family resources.
- Foundations largely fund SYB. These donors pay for the majority of the SYB costs. The program fee is, thereby, already heavily supplemented. SYB works on an ongoing basis to expand this support, enabling more youth to participate.
- SYB promotes the value of "full responsibility and ownership" of the SYB experience on the part of the candidate. We expect each participant to raise funds or work to contribute financially to his/her experience.

Who Should Apply for a Scholarship?

Please use the following questions to assist you and your family in deciding whether to apply:

- Have you and your family determined the amount that you can contribute out of pocket and from savings?
- Have you determined the amount you will save from part-time work until departure?
- Have you and your family discussed the opportunities to fund raise to finance your trip? Through your fund-raising efforts, you will be informing others about the work of Habitat for Humanity and giving more families the opportunity to live in simple, decent homes. The SYB Team can share some creative ideas, materials and sample solicitation letters to help get you started raising funds.

SYB appreciates that you and your family have considered all the funding options for your experience. We fully expect that, even with these suggestions, many of our candidates will need financial assistance in order to be able to participate in SYB. If you wish to apply, please check the scholarship box(es) within the application.

1**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Last name _____ First name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Best phone number at which to reach you _____ E-mail address _____

Date of birth _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

Parent or guardian name(s) _____

Name of high school you are currently attending _____

The SYB team strives to accept a diverse group of youth. The following information helps us achieve this goal. Please feel free to skip any questions you are not comfortable answering.

Ethnicity _____

Religious affiliation _____

Number of siblings _____

What do your parents/guardians do for a living? _____

2**QUESTIONS**

Please answer the following questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

1. How did you hear about the Summer Youth Blitz?

2. Explain in detail why you want to participate in the Summer Youth Blitz.

3. What is your biggest dream or hope for your future?

4. Write about one experience or accomplishment of which you are proud.

5. If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would that person be and why?
6. One focus of the program will be to bring together a diverse group of young adults to work toward a common goal. In what ways will the program be strengthened by your participation?
7. Name one unique thing about yourself.
8. Have you ever had a working experience with a diverse group of people? Please explain.
9. Have you had any experience traveling to states or countries outside of your own? If so, please explain.
10. Have you ever worked with Habitat for Humanity? ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. List any previous volunteer experience:
12. SYB has a strict policy of no alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs. How do you feel about this policy?
13. What would you like us to know about you?

14. Please check the dates you are available: ☐ June 12–25 ☐ July 10–23 ☐ July 3–16

15. Please check the scholarship amount you anticipate needing:

- ☐ Partial Program Fee (\$100-150)
- ☐ Half Program Fee (\$225)
- ☐ Full Program Fee (\$450)
- ☐ Roundtrip Airfare

16. T-shirt size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

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PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION BY MARCH 8 TO:

Summer Youth Blitz/CCYP

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Questions? Visit our Web site at www.habitat.org/CCYP.



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