



FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS 2010
Application Form

Please rank sessions by order of preference in the appropriate box below.

Session 1 - February 21 to February 27
Session 2 - February 28 to March 6
Session 3 - March 21 to March 27
Session 4 - April 18 to April 24
Session 5 - October 24 to October 30

(Dates are subject to change due to the schedule of the House of Commons. Consult our website for confirmed dates.)

PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please type or print using block letters and black ink. You must complete all sections in order for your application to be considered for selection. ONLY students aged 15 to 19 on the date of application are eligible.

Surname, First Name, Home Address, City, Telephone, E-mail, Spoken Language(s), Date of Birth, Sex, Age, Student's Community, *Are you a Canadian Citizen?, *Landed Immigrant?, *Country of Birth, *Are you an aboriginal?, *Are you a visible minority?, *Are you a person with a disability?

OPTIONAL: Exchanges Canada asks for this information for statistical purposes only.

School Information

Name of School/Cégép, Street Address, City, Telephone, Fax Number, E-mail, Student's Grade, School Contact, Contact Telephone, Contact E-mail

PART 2 - STUDENT'S STATEMENT

Forum has five basic rules of conduct

- 1. Appropriate and respectful behaviour is required from students at all times, as defined by Forum's senior management team;
2. The use, possession or concealment of alcohol or non-prescribed medications, including illegal drugs, is strictly forbidden;
3. The highest level of respect will be demanded at all times during Forum. No types of harassment - physical, verbal, racial, sexual or otherwise - will be tolerated. No sexual relations will be allowed;
4. Students must be in their own rooms by curfew, unless expressly authorized by the Director of Forum Programs, or in her absence, the Team Leader; and
5. Students must attend all sessions (special exemptions must have prior authorization from the Forum office).

STUDENTS WHO BREAK THE RULES ON THE FIRST OFFENCE ARE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY, AT THEIR PARENT'S EXPENSE, WITH NO REFUND OF FEES. Forum will notify the student's school administration of the infraction and the student's return home.

- I understand the information and conditions outlined on this form and in the Forum brochure.
I declare that the information I have given to be correct and I wish to be considered for the FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS.
If I am selected, I hereby consent to the taking and/or use of any photographs or video images of me in the course of my participation in the Forum program or any related activity, for use in promotional material by Forum, including any publications, brochures, poster, videos or for the Forum Website.
If I am selected I will comply willingly with Forum rules and with the business dress code: dress shirts and ties with suits, or dress pants and sport jacket or blazer, and comfortable dress shoes for men; dresses, suits or skirts (hemline must not be very short and no skorts) with blouses or sweaters, and comfortable dress shoes for women. No denim of any kind. I understand that as I will be meeting important officials and visiting prestigious institutions, my dress must conform to accepted standards.
I have obtained the permission to attend Forum, if I am selected, from my parent/guardian and from a representative of my school (principal, guidance counsellor, teacher). Their signatures will be required on your Admission Form if you are selected.

Student's Signature

Date



Forum for Young Canadians is a stimulating experience. It is also very demanding, physically and intellectually. It requires whole-hearted participation, a real commitment to the program and willing compliance with Forum rules and regulations (behaviour, dress code, curfew, etc.).

PARTICIPATION COSTS

- Selected students are responsible for paying for or raising the funds necessary to cover the costs of attending FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS.
- Most transportation costs are covered by Exchanges Canada, a youth exchange program of the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- The program fee to attend Forum 2010 will be confirmed in Autumn 2009. Please consult our website for details. The fee covers program costs, room, board and transportation costs not covered by Exchanges Canada.
- To keep costs down, four students share one room with two beds, boys with boys and girls with girls. A limited number of rooms for 2 to 3 students are available on a first come first serve basis. The additional cost is \$300.
- A limited number of bursaries are available. See our website for details.
- SEND NO PAYMENTS UNTIL NOTIFIED THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.
- Once accepted, the student will receive an admission kit, which includes an invoice.

SELECTION PROCESS

To apply you will need

- The permission of your parent/guardian, in addition to your school principal/teacher/guidance counsellor. If selected, their signatures will be required on your Admission Form.
- A letter stating why you would like to attend Forum for Young Canadians, along with a copy of your résumé OR simply answer the following within your letter:
 - Participation in school activities, organizations and positions held (e.g. Student Council, Debate Club, Orchestra/Choir, Sports etc.);
 - Participation in community activities, clubs, associations and positions held (e.g. political associations, Guides/Scouts, etc.);
 - Previous participation in student exchanges, conferences and/or travel;
 - Awards and mentions (academic, sports, other, hobbies, special interests);
 - Work experience (paid or volunteer) and positions held, including a letter on why you would like to attend Forum.

A school may recommend any number of candidates by submitting forms for each student.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1 High school and Cégep students between the ages of 15 and 19 who have had their applications approved by their school contact (principal, guidance counsellor, or teacher) based on:
 - a) Sound academic performance;
 - b) Demonstrated leadership or the potential for leadership;
 - c) Extra-curricular activities and community involvement; and
 - d) Interest in national current affairs.
- 2 All candidates receive equal consideration regardless of race, colour, sex, religion, ethnic origin, family background, geographical location or physical disability.
- 3 A good command of either official language is essential.

Medical condition and/or disability: Please attach a letter from a qualified health professional describing the student's special needs.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Application forms may be submitted at any time by email, mail and fax, and will be considered if spaces are available. Apply early!

The Forum office will directly inform schools and applicants of the selection results by email. If the school or student is not able to receive e-mail and prefers receiving the selection results by mail, please contact our office.

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