

DEAR SPONSORS, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES AND Parents:

Attached is a copy of the Eastern Region YOU Regional Representative candidate forms to be used for teens desiring to run for YOU regional office. Serving in these positions provides YOUers with valuable leadership experience.

Please duplicate this letter and these forms for each YOUer in your chapter who would like to run for office. Applications must be completely filled in by the YOUer seeking office and signed and approved by the parent or legal guardian, the sponsor and the minister. *A recent photograph of the applicant must be submitted with this application or sent via email to Janell Renshaw, youthconsultant@unityeasternregion.org*

Also included is additional information summarizing the responsibilities and requirements of a Regional Officer. It is important that these be fully discussed, understood and agreed to by the teen, the parents or legal guardian, the sponsor, and the minister. Please give copies of this information to all individuals involved in making the decision for the teen to seek this office, and help answer any questions that they may have.

Candidate Poster: We may request each candidate for office create a poster to display at Rally with their name, picture and any information that they would like to convey to support their candidacy. The poster will be displayed during Rally.

POSTMARK APPLICATIONS BY: MARCH 10, 2024

Sending a timely application is the first test of readiness for Regional Office. Applications will not be accepted after due date.

EMAIL FORMS AS A PDF TO: youthconsultant@unityeasternregion.org

PLEASE MAIL THESE FORMS SEPARATELY - DO NOT INCLUDE THESE FORMS WITH RALLY REGISTRATION FORMS.

Being a Regional Representative is both an honor and a responsibility. We have many youth in our region who would do the job well. Please encourage your YOUers to apply and help them to succeed. Your support as a sponsor can make all the difference.

If you have questions, please call me at (407) 466-9388 or email me youthconsultant@unityeasternregion.org

Peace & Gratitude
Janell

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE FORM EASTERN REGION YOUTH OF UNITY

A recent photograph of the applicant must be submitted with this application

I wish to be considered for the office of Regional Representative

Name _____ D.O.B. _____ Age ____ Grade _____

Address _____ City State Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Home phone _____

Email _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Cell _____

Parent Email _____

Name of Unity Church/Center _____

Church City and State _____

CANDIDATE: I have read ALL information provided pertaining to the Qualifications and Responsibilities for Regional Representative including Travel Requirements / Expense Information. I have reviewed all information provided with myYOU Sponsor, Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s). I understand the Responsibilities and I believe my YOU Sponsor and Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) understand all responsibilities and I wish to apply to be a Candidate for Regional Representative.

Signature of YOUer _____ Date _____

PARENT: I have read the completed Candidate Questionnaire and ALL information provided pertaining to the Qualifications, Responsibilities, Travel Requirements and Expense Information for my teenager to serve the Youth of Unity as a Regional Representative and, to the best of my knowledge, my son/daughter fulfills these requirements. I understand that this is a position requiring dedication and responsibility and I will fully support him/her in this work.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

SPONSOR: I have read the completed Candidate Questionnaire and ALL information provided pertaining to the Qualifications, Responsibilities, Travel and Expense Information for this Candidate for Regional Office and to the best of my knowledge, this candidate fulfills these requirements. I understand that this is a position requiring dedication and responsibility and I will fully support him/her in this work.

Signature of the YOU Sponsor _____ Date _____

MINISTER: I have read the completed Candidate Questionnaire and ALL information provided pertaining to the Qualifications, Responsibilities, Travel and Expense Information for this Candidate for Regional Representative and to the best of my knowledge, this candidate fulfills these requirements. I understand that this is a position requiring dedication and responsibility and this Ministry approves the application and fully supports the candidate in this work.

Signature of Minister _____ Date _____

**REGIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
EASTERN REGION YOUTH OF UNITY**

Name Church _____

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. TYPE YOUR ANSWERS IF POSSIBLE. IF WRITING IN LONGHAND, ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF PAPER MAY BE ATTACHED.

1. How long have you been a member of YOU ? _____

2. What is it that attracts you to YOU? _____

3. What experiences have you had that have prepared you to hold Regional Office?

4. What qualities/skills do you possess that will help you serve successfully as Regional Officer?

5. What is your favorite Unity Principle and why?

6. Briefly describe a challenge in your life that has taught you something valuable.

7. What part does prayer and meditation play in your life?

8. What do you believe is the most important quality of a leader and why?

9. In addition to YOU, what are your other time commitments?

10. Holding a Regional office will require a significant investment of your time and talent. How will you prioritize your other activities to have adequate time for this office?

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Candidates for Regional representative must be at least fifteen (15) years of age and no older than eighteen (18) years of age on the date of election and be an active member of a YOU chapter.
- Candidate is an experienced leader, demonstrating self-discipline, cooperation, responsibility and consideration for others. Candidate has demonstrated the ability and commitment to carry out the roles and responsibilities of the desired office.
- Candidate has a good understanding of basic Unity principles and applies them in his/her life. Each Regional Officer continues their personal study of Truth Principles by reading Unity books recommended for the 'Leaders of Vision Award'.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Regional Representatives serve as inspirational Spiritual leaders and role models of Unity truth principles, facilitate communication and contact among regional chapters, preside over business meetings, work with the Regional Consultant to plan regional retreats, rallies and leadership trainings and implement service and other projects for the support and development of YOU, including the promotion and support of sub-regional activities and events.
2. As regional Spiritual Leaders, Regional Representatives agree to role model Unity Truth principles in all of their words and actions including all online communications, using only appropriate, respectful language and refraining from the use of all profanity, put downs to any person or group or any other offensive or inappropriate language that would reflect negatively on Unity Worldwide Ministries, the region or regional YOU
3. A regional Representative may not hold International office during his/her term as Regional Representative.
4. Regional Representatives must be willing to spend time developing the skills needed for effective leadership as follows.
 - a) A commitment to prayer, meditation, and continued personal spiritual study while in office.
 - b) Understanding beliefs basic to Unity for answering questions and teaching others.
 - c) The ability, through practice, to lead prayers and meditations in public.
 - d) Ability to communicate with people of all ages in an effective loving manner, and speak to large and small groups, as well as individuals. This includes developing listening skills in addition to verbal clarity and effectiveness.
 - e) Willingness to step back when appropriate to let others use their talents and abilities for the benefit of all.
 - f) Facilitation skills for participatory workshops and activities they will be leading. This includes: giving clear directions, involving everyone, group movement, discussion skills.
 - g) As regional Spiritual Leaders, Regional Representatives agree to role model Unity Truth principles in all of their words and actions including all online communications, using only appropriate, respectful language and refraining from the use of all profanity, put

downs to any person or group or any other offensive or inappropriate language that would reflect negatively on Unity Worldwide Ministries, the region or regional YOU

h) Willingness to thoroughly research and prepare workshop material and learn how to present an effective workshop.

i) Understanding the Regional Representatives are part of a team and must develop a team player consciousness-no one individual is more or less important than the whole.

5. Regional Representatives understand that their purpose at Regional events is leading and facilitating, and the purpose supersedes time for personal fun, spending time with their chapter or entering into optional activities.

6. Regional Representatives uphold all Heart Agreements and assist adult leaders in maintaining the integrity of agreements within the group.

7. Regional Representatives attend all Regional YOU events and the International YOU Conference.

8. Other Responsibilities and duties include:

- Prepare a letter of introduction to the Region for the Regional Web site.
- Research, select and promote a regional service project. Service project is promoted at Fall Rally and via facebook, newsletter and web site.
- Develop a Truth Talk or workshop for presentation at Region rallies.
- Promote YOU within the region and support the development of new YOU chapters and the growth of existing chapters using all appropriate technologies. (Facebook postings, calls, etc.)
- Participate in Spiritual development practices as required by Regional Consultant.
- Prepare inspirational facebook posts.
- Plan regional rallies and retreats with Regional Consultant. Be available for a Fall and Spring planning weekend as well as team phone conferences scheduled by Consultant throughout the year.
- Be on time for meetings and phone calls and fully prepared to participate with all pre-meeting assignments and actions complete.
- Put aside all personal will and desires to make every recommendation and decision from the highest point of spiritual awareness for the very best for the entire region. Speak and act positively and constructively focusing on the desired outcome.
- Bring a sense of humility, honesty, trust and integrity to all interactions and service on behalf of the region.
- Maintain regular attendance and active participation in their local chapter's activities.

EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICER TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS AND EXPENSE INFORMATION

Officers must be driven to all events by an adult (25 years or older). Any exceptions must be approved by the regional consultant

RALLY PLANNING WEEKENDS (2)

Requirements:

One before Fall Rally (Sometime in August, location to be determined online) and one before Spring Rally (Sometime in January, location to be determined or online) Planning begins Friday eve at 6pm and ends on Sunday around Noon.

Expenses:

Expenses are paid by YOUer, Parent or Church.

FALL AND SPRING RALLY:

Requirements

Regional Team goes to Camp Tockwoh on Thursday before Rally. Adults accompanying officer can also spend Thursday night at Camp and help with set up for Rally. Please note that more than 1 adult accompanying officer is required to donate towards lodging and food offered by the camp

Expenses:

Travel and Travel Food: paid for by YOUer, Parent or Church. Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Tockwoh on Friday for leaders and 1 accompanying adult is paid by the Region.

Officer Registration: 1/2 is paid for by the Eastern Region. Parents attending Rally register with chapter and pay full registration fee.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING:

Requirements:

One Leadership Training before Spring Rally (March) in location designated or virtual. Travel on Friday, depart Sunday at Noon.

Expenses:

Travel and Travel Food: paid for by YOUer, Parent or Church. Registration: 1/2 Paid by Eastern Region

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH OF UNITY SUMMER EVENT:

Note: Regional Representatives are encouraged to register and attend the International

YOU Summer Event if one is scheduled.

Expenses: Eastern Region policy is to pay at least 50% for the registration fee for each regional representative to attend the International Summer event. Travel and expenses to and from the event are the responsibility of the YOUer, Parent, and Church.