



# Rochester Youth Year Application

**Summer 2009 – Summer 2010**

*Application deadline: March 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.*

## I. CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Rochester Youth Year? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please attach the following to your application:

- Resume highlighting your relevant curricular and extracurricular experiences and skills
- An official academic transcript from each institution you have attended **mailed directly from your undergraduate institution(s)**.
- Written responses to two essay questions, listed below

- Two letters of reference, at least one from a faculty member (see forms on pages 3 and 5)  
Please notify your references that they will be required to complete forms for this application **AND** the AmeriCorps\*VISTA application.

**Accepting application materials through March 13th, 2009. Please mail ALL materials to:**

Rochester Center for Community Leadership  
University of Rochester  
510 Wilson Commons  
PO Box 270443  
Rochester, NY 14627-0443  
Attn: Rochester Youth Year

### III. REQUIRED ESSAYS

*Please attach responses to your application and place your name on the top of each page.*

1. Why do you want to be a Rochester Youth Year Fellow?
2. What local, national, or global challenge most concerns you? What action have you taken to address that concern?

### IV. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please complete the candidate information section of the attached Letter of Reference forms before giving the forms to your references. **Letters should be sent directly from your reference to the Rochester Center for Community Leadership and be postmarked by March 13, 2009. We will not accept reference letters mailed by the applicant.** Be sure to describe the RYY Fellowship to your references so they may write a relevant evaluation of your experience and abilities.

At least one of your references should be a faculty member.

Please provide the names and titles of your references:

Reference #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### V. CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information within this application is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that my participation in the Rochester Youth Year program may be contingent upon successful completion of a background check conducted by my host organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Rochester Youth Year Reference Letter

**2009 -2010**

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Undergraduate Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE PERSONAL REFERENCE:**

Thank you for your time. The person named above is applying to be a Rochester Youth Year Fellow. The applicant has indicated that you would be able to evaluate his or her qualifications and provide us with a candid recommendation. The success of the Rochester Youth Year program largely depends upon an appropriate match between host organizations and fellows. Considerable value is placed on personal

references during the application review and selection process. Your input is greatly appreciated. In your letter of support, please address the following:

- The nature of your relationship with the applicant
- Work performance (dependability, initiative, flexibility, ability to work as part of a team, etc.)
- Leadership qualities
- Ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds

For more information about the Rochester Youth Year program visit [www.youthyear.org](http://www.youthyear.org), email [youth.year@rochester.edu](mailto:youth.year@rochester.edu), or call 585.276.3277.



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