

Introduction:

The Ethnic Young Adult (EYA) Internship program application is now available for download on the GBCS website. All applications are due February 1, 2012. The EYA Internship program is a yearly program sponsored by the General Board of Church and Society and is open to all young adults who will be between 18 and 22 years old. The EYA Internship program is offered annually beginning June 2012 and ends start of August 2012.

The EYA Internship program recruits ethnic young adults from each of the five ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church. These caucuses are the African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic/Latino-American, Native-American, and Pacific Islander-American. The EYA Internship program also seeks to attract ethnic United Methodist young adults from the Central Conferences of Africa, Philippines and Europe. Applicants must be full members in the United Methodist Church.

EYA applications will be evaluated primarily on an applicant's passion and potential to engage in broad based social justice ministries. Priority will be given to an applicant's commitment to public policy, demonstrated leadership and potential for leadership within the United Methodist Church and society. Initial criteria for selection will include a substantial written response component, evidence of leadership within the UMC at the local church, Conference, or general church level. Academic achievements and a readiness to apply university study to the internship will also be considered.

All interns work and live together Washington, DC. Interns are placed in settings where they will be a critical part of his or her placement's mission and operations. Along with the workplace setting, interns participate in weekly devotions and topical seminars to supplement their daily work experience. Interns are also given an opportunity to visit the United Nations office of GBCS in New York City and participate in seminars that educate interns about the international advocacy work the United Methodist Church does at the United Nations.

Please read all questions carefully and answer clearly and thoroughly.

Please note, you will be required to submit three (3) letters of recommendation and a sealed copy of your most recent academic transcript for your application to be considered complete. You are strongly advised to seek out potential recommendation providers as early as possible, in order to ensure that your application materials are received on time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the interim EYA Coordinator, Samuel Ahn at sahnwts@me.com.

Thank you, and we look forward to reading your application.

Section 1 – Applicant Information

Part 1.) Personal and Biographical information

Given (First) Name		Family (Last) Name	
Home Address			
Address Line 2			
City		State (Province)	
Country		Primary Contact Number	
Gender		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	____/____/____
Email Address			
Please Specify Ethnic Origin or Race			

Part 2.) Church / Denominational Information

Home Church			
Home Church City, State, Country			
Church District		Conference	
Name of Senior Pastor			
Name of District Superintendent		Name of Bishop	
Contact Phone for Bishop / DS			
Date of Baptism (mm/yy)	____ / ____	Date of Confirmation (mm/yy)	____ / ____

If you attend a different church during the academic year, please complete the following information:

Second Church			
Second Church City, State, Country			
Church District (if UMC)		Conference (if UMC)	
Name of Senior Pastor			
Name of District Superintendent		Name of Bishop	
Date of Baptism (mm/yy)	_____ / _____	Date of Confirmation (mm/yy)	_____ / _____

Part 3.) Academic Information

University / College			
University / College City, State, Country			
Major and Degree Program			
Minor or Concentration			
Cumulative GPA (Based on 4.0 Scale)		Major GPA	
Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)			

Part 4.) Congressional District Information (For United States participants only)

Congressional District		Representative Name	
Senior Senator		Junior Senator	

Part 5.) Nationality / ID information (For all participants)

Nationality		Country of Residence	
Do you have a valid Passport?	___ Yes ___ No	Do you have a valid U.S. Visa?	___ Yes ___ No
Passport Number		Passport Issuing Agency	
FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES ONLY, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION			
Driver's License No.		DL State of Issue	

Part 6.) Parent or Guardian Information

Parent 1 Name		Parent 1 Occupation	
Parent 2 Name		Parent 2 Occupation	
Parent 3 Name		Parent 3 Occupation	
Parent 4 Name		Parent 4 Occupation	

Part 7.) Employment History (Please list previous internships – you may attach additional listings as needed)

Most Recent Employer

Company or Organization Name			
City, State, Country			
Position / Job			
Immediate Supervisor Name		Phone Number	
Start Date (mm/yyyy)		End Date (mm/yyyy)	

Previous Employer #2

Company or Organization Name			
City, State, Country			
Position / Job			
Immediate Supervisor Name		Phone Number	
Start Date (mm/yyyy)		End Date (mm/yyyy)	

Section 2 – Recommendations

Instructions: Please fill in personal information and give this form to all those providing recommendations. The recommendation must be completed and returned to GBCS in a sealed envelope from the recommender. You must provide one (1) Personal Recommendation, one (1) Ministerial, Clergy or Denominational recommendation, and one (1) Professional or Academic Recommendation.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT			
Your (applicant) Name			
I understand that I have the right to view this recommendation form. I hereby ___waive / ___ do not waive my right to read, review, or otherwise view this recommendation form.			
Your Signature			
Recommender Name			
Recommender Primary Phone Number			
Recommender Primary E-Mail address			
Length of Time Known		Nature of Relationship	

Instructions to the Recommender: Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided *and* attach one letter of reference and, if the applicant has waived his or her right to read this form, return it yourself to the address at the bottom in a sealed and signed envelope. If the applicant has not waived his or her right to read this form, please return it to the applicant. We ask that you answer the questions as honestly and clearly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

- 1.) In your opinion and based on your experience, has the applicant shown a healthy level of maturity (emotional, spiritual, etc.) that is appropriate for someone of his or her experience? Please specify.

- 2.) In your opinion and based on your experience, does the applicant show a level of professionalism that is appropriate for someone of his or her experience? Please specify.

- 3.) Please describe the applicant's working and interpersonal personality based on your personal experience and observation.

- 4.) Can you describe a time when the applicant has surprised you in any way? Were you positively or negatively surprised?

- 5.) Can you describe a time when the applicant impressed you in any way? What was impressive and why were you impressed? Were steps taken to encourage this?

- 6.) Can you describe a time when the applicant disappointed you in any way? What was disappointing and why were you disappointed? Were steps taken to address this?

- 7.) This internship is an intensive program that requires interns to work 28 to 32 hours in a professional office environment. The internship may require the intern to engage **spiritually, emotionally, and theologically** with the issues the intern will work on. Based on your personal experience and observations, is the applicant fully prepared to work in a professional environment with these requirements? **For ministerial and personal recommenders**, is the applicant prepared to engage at a spiritual, emotional, and theological level with issues and ideas that he or she may or may not have experience or knowledge of? Please be as specific as possible. If needed, you may attach your response to this question on a separate page.

- 8.) Please attach one letter of reference detailing any aspects of the applicant which you feel has not been addressed on this form. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Please submit all recommendation materials to:

**EYA Coordinator, General Board of Church and Society 100 Maryland Ave. NE,
Suite 310 Washington, DC 20002**

Section 3 – Essays and Written Responses

Instructions: Please answer the following questions. Please limit your response to 100 words for the short answers, and 1500 words for the long essay question. Type all answers on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application

Part 1.) Short Answer Questions

- 1.) What is social justice and why is it important?
- 2.) Why should Christians be committed to social justice?
- 3.) Where do you see the role of the Church in society?
- 4.) Is there a difference between mercy and justice? If so, what is the difference? If not, what are the similarities?
- 5.) Pick two of the following policy issues and write a theological reflection on how our Christian tradition speaks into those particular issues. Cite scripture as necessary.
 - a. Poverty and Hunger
 - b. War
 - c. Environment and Creation Care
 - d. Civil Rights and Human Rights
 - e. Criminal and Restorative Justice
 - f. Women and Reproductive Health
 - g. Immigration
 - h. Children's Rights
 - i. Workers' Rights
- 6.) Please detail some of the coursework you believe has prepared you for successful completion of this internship program.

Part 2.) Long Answer

- 1.) Please evaluate the following statement and indicate whether you agree or disagree. Be sure to reference scripture, our common Christian tradition, your personal experience, and factual statements (with citations) to support your stance.

“The full separation of church and state is necessary for a society to transformed into a healthy and functional community.”

Section 4 – Final Checklist and Submission Guidelines

Please be sure that you have enclosed, or otherwise arranged for **ALL** of the following materials to complete your application portfolio. All materials must be postmarked by February 1 and arrive by February 15 to be considered. Incomplete applications may not be considered. An application is considered incomplete if it is missing one or more of the following items:

- Application Packet _____
- Sealed Transcript _____
- Clergy, Ministerial, or Denominational Recommendation _____
- Academic or Professional Recommendation _____
- Personal Recommendation _____
- Short Answer Responses _____
- Long Essay Response _____
- Statement of Integrity (This Form) _____

Statement of Integrity

I, _____, hereby affirm that the statements and information I have provided in this application packet are accurate and a true reflection of myself to the best of my knowledge. I further affirm that the written responses provided in this application are my original work and that any material that is not my own has been given proper credit and citation. I understand that should I have knowingly provided false or inaccurate information with the intent to deceive or otherwise gain an unfair advantage over my fellow applicants, the General Board of Church and Society reserves the right to deny admission, withdraw an offer of admission, withdraw me from the program, or to execute any other action that GBCS may decide to take.

Signature

Date