

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT 2020 (EYE20) PARTICIPANT PACKET

The Department of Faith Formation announced that the 2020 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE20) will be held in partnership with the Washington National Cathedral and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington on the campus of University of Maryland July 7-11, 2020.

[READ The Episcopal Church Announcement](#)

The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is inviting youth and adult mentors to apply to our diocesan youth team. Our Diocesan Team is capped at 24 Youth Members. We will be staying on the campus of the University of Maryland. Open to youth currently in 9th – 12th grades, or equivalent and adult mentors. Participants will be chosen through an application process.

Our diocese is allowed a team with a cap of 24 youth participants plus adult chaperones. Registration is open now through December 15 or until we reach 20 youth participants and 3 adult participants.

COST TO ALL PARTICIPANTS:

Total Anticipated Cost: \$700

\$350 Roundtrip airfare and \$350 EYE20 Registration fee* (includes lodging and meals).

*The 2020 registration material has not been released and this is an estimate based on the 2017 cost. The EYE17 registration fee did include lodging and 11 meals. As soon as the new information is released this will be updated.

Participants should work on raising funds for this trip. Please take a minute and make a list of sponsors. We understand that this is a lot of money and seeking sponsorships early and fundraising will allow the trip to happen. We recommend the 1/3 rule: 1/3 from family & friends; 1/3 from your home church; 1/3 from the diocese.

Remember we are trying to be diverse and include all and sometimes this 1/3 rule is not realistic. Let me know where you are with your fundraising and how I can help you reach your goal.

There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50 to hold your spot. Please include check with application, made payable to Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast with EYE20-last name of applicant in the memo line.

Applications are due by December 15, 2019.

Mail completed application to:

Rachel Iversen
7970 Lancelot Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514

Or scan and email completed application to rachels.iversen@gmail.com

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:

- EYE20 Application
- EYE FAQs

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT FAQS



WHAT IS THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT?

EYE is a triennial event for the entire Episcopal Church (pronounced E-Y-E). About 1000 people (high school students, their adult mentors, and bishops from around the church) come together and live on a college campus for a little under a week. Time is spent in worship (amazing, awesome and very memorable worship), large group presentations, small group discussions on the presentations (youth led), workshops on a variety of topics, and a lot of time hanging out and meeting people from around the world.

Here's a great video from the Diocese of California: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbzKNxO0gys>

WHY WOULD I WANT TO GO?

It's excellent! You will meet people from all over. You'll get to know people who share your beliefs and also some who disagree with your views, but with whom you can discuss differences and still be friends. You'll be able to take part in HUGE and EXCITING liturgy (people can volunteer as acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers). You'll take part in a mission activity where you'll be helping people and serving God. You may even learn some new things, grow and change as you broaden your experience and watch God move in others (and in yourself). And you'll be able to sleep in a college dorm and experience college cafeteria food.

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WHY WOULD YOU WANT YOUR YOUTH TO GO?

This is one time where they will be SURROUNDED by other Episcopalians. This is also an opportunity to serve others – both through our mission activity and through being part of an intentional Christian community. Back in olden times (middle ages, not when I was a kid) communities used to send forth pilgrims. Knowing that the entire community couldn't travel to a holy place for prayer and supplication, they'd chose one person and send him to go to represent all. This is what you would be doing. The young person you send will grow and experience things in ways that we cannot yet imagine. Then he and she will come back and bring the experience into your community. You will all grow and change because of this one person's experience.



While we encourage everyone to apply, we will be discerning the members of our delegation – meaning that some people may not be able to go. Preference will be given to Episcopal students (those of other denominations may apply), and we will do our best to make sure the delegation shows the diversity of our Diocese. This isn't intended to be a parish youth event – all those attending will be representing the entire Diocese, so we need to make sure that our delegation represents the whole of our Diocese.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

While we encourage everyone to apply, we will be bringing a delegation of diverse young leaders who represent the breadth of our diocese. We will be choosing people through an application process to ensure that the selected youth who are ready to experience the greater church and her diversity, and who also demonstrate capacity to bring home what they have experienced and learned to share with their peers and members of our diocese. We hope to have a diverse group of faithful, mature high schoolers, along with adults enthused about learning with them, and empowering and equipping them to be disciples in the world. All members of our delegation will need to be able to handle travel, to speak up in groups, to have the language to share their own faith journeys, and to be trustworthy in honoring the covenant for behavior required of all participants.

WHY IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE SO EARLY?

Applications are due soon, but we don't leave until JULY. Why?

1. Because the event registrations will close when the spots are full. As the official event registration opens in January, we want to be sure to get enough spots. Only, our registrar can register you. Rachel Iversen, DIOCGC Registrar, rachels.iversen@gmail.com; cell: 850-293-0478.
2. Plus, airfare travel needs to be arranged and fundraising needs to happen.
3. DIOCGC team needs to meet a few times to talk extras. We can actually stay until late Sunday and take advantage of going to places that the EYE20 doesn't get us too. (Don't forget to talk Tshirts, glow sticks, snacks, team banner, etc...)

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT 2020 APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION:

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Preferred name: _____

Address: _____

City, state & zip: _____

Participant cell phone number: _____

Participant email: _____

Participant birthdate: (Month/Day/Year): _____

Age at time of the event July 2020? _____

T-shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XLarge ☐ XXLlarge

Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact Email: _____

In keeping with the Church's desire for multicultural inclusiveness, we are collecting demographic information in order to share the diversity of our presence. Please select as many categories as appropriate to describe your ethnicity.

_____ American Indian or Alaska Native

_____ Black or African-American

_____ Hispanic or Latino

_____ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

_____ White

_____ Other – Please specify: _____

Grade at time of school year for 2019-20:

☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th

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APPLICANT - ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1) Why are you interested in attending the Episcopal Youth Event in 2020?

2) In what ministries/activities have you been involved in your congregation? (i.e acolytes, youth group, Music, Sunday school teacher, Mission Trips, Vestry, work projects...) What if any activities have you participated in on Diocesan level? How has all of this affected your life?

3) How would you share what you learn and experience at EYE with your parish and our Diocese?

4) How do you see God working in your life right now?

5) Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

I attend the following church (include city): _____

Please have your Youth Director or Priest sign below so that they know you are applying to the DIOCGC EYE20 Youth Team Delegation.

Youth Minister and/or Priest Signature:

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

EYE20 Cost (To be completed by priest)

Family/Friend Cost: _____

Church Cost: _____

Diocesan Cost: _____ (up to 1/3 if requested)

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APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

I understand that if I am chosen to go to EYE, that I must abide by all rules. I am expected to attend all scheduled events during EYE, and that I will be asked to attend a mandatory orientation to prepare me for the event. I also understand that I will need to raise funds for EYE.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

Our diocese uses the Safeguarding Online training.

Have you ever had the training? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Do you need a refresher course (required every 2 years)? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT TO APPLY:

(Only for youth applicants)

I give my permission for my child to apply to attend the Episcopal Youth Event. I understand that my child will need to commit to raising some of their own funding for the event. I also understand that all participants will have choices of programming to attend and may not be supervised for short periods of time and believe my child will be trustworthy in honoring the covenant for behavior required of all participants. I also understand that if my child breaks any of the rules they will be sent home at my (parent/guardian) expense.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed First Name: _____

Printed Last Name: _____

SEND APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT TO:

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