

## **SENIOR YOUTH LEADER**

## **NOTES:**

- The Senior Youth Leader curriculum must be completed in a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years.
- Those completing the Senior Youth Leader curriculum must do so under the supervision of the Conference/Mission Youth Ministries Director or his/her designated Pastor or Qualified Youth Ministries Leader.
- Seminars should be at least 60 minutes in length. All the seminar facilitators must be approved by the Conference/Mission Youth Director or his/her designee.
- It would be advantageous for a Senior Youth Leader candidate to have a working knowledge of both Ambassadors and Young Adults Ministries.
- Choose only one type of filing, Digital (recording) or Paper (writing).

Prerec	uisites	Signature	Date
1.	Be a baptized member in regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.		
2.	Have a written recommendation from your local Church Board.		
3.	Be at least 16 years of age to start the Senior Youth Leader Curriculum.		
4.	Be an active staff member/supporter of an Ambassador or Young Adults Ministry and submit a supporting evidence from Adventist Youth Ministry Chair to confirm the activities/roles performed.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
5.	Complete the 10 Hour Senior Youth Seminars and be involved for a minimum of one year.		
YOU A	ND GOD	Signature	Date
1.	<ul> <li>Do the following:         <ul> <li>Discover your spiritual Gift by taking the test at <a href="https://www.gcyouthministries.org/resources/spiritual-gifts-assessment/">https://www.gcyouthministries.org/resources/spiritual-gifts-assessment/</a></li> <li>After studying the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy teachings on Spiritual Gifts, write a brief summary (250 words) or recording (5 minutes) of how your gifts can most effectively be used in Youth Ministry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
2.	Complete the devotional guide Encounter Series I, Christ the Way, or complete another year long Bible reading plan that covers the four Gospels.		

3.	Read or listen to the book Desire of Ages (www.egwwritings.org) and submit a response (250 words minimum) or a recording (5 minutes minimum), focusing on the benefits of reading.		
4.	Do one of the following:		
	<ul> <li>Keep a devotional journal (physical or digital) for a minimum of six months, summarizing what you learned in your devotional time and outlining how you are growing in your faith.</li> </ul>		
	b. Complete the Steps to Discipleship personal devotional (available for free download at: <a href="https://www.gcyouthministries.org/wp-content/uploads/Steps-to-Discipleship-FINAL-inside-text.pdf">https://www.gcyouthministries.org/wp-content/uploads/Steps-to-Discipleship-FINAL-inside-text.pdf</a>		
	<ul> <li>Summarize, critique and evaluate (500 words or 10 minutes recording) the eWeek of Prayer of the current year. (Facebook: GC Youth Ministries)</li> </ul>		
5.	Prepare a point form (bullet point) summary (250 words) or recording (5 mins) on each of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs.		
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1.	Do the following:		
	a. In view of Colossians 1:16, develop your own life vision and mission.		
	<ul> <li>Identify three current roles in your life, at least one of which is spiritually oriented, and submit three goals or objectives for each.</li> </ul>		
2.	What are the practical ways in which leaders should develop and nurture the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Write or Record 5 ways to nurture each fruit.		
3.	Read or listen to the book Education or Messages to Young People by Ellen G. White and submit a reflection paper of 250 words or a 5-minute recording.		
4.	Demonstrate your Leadership Skills by doing two of the following:		
	a. Develop and conduct three creative worship sessions for Ambassadors or Young Adults.		
	<ul> <li>Participate in a leadership role with your Local Church Youth group in a Conference/Mission sponsored event and document the process that was followed.</li> </ul>		
	c. Lead Ambassadors through one module to certification.		
	d. Be an active Ambassador, Young Adult or Sabbath School Staff member for at least one year and attend at least 75% of all staff meetings.		
	e. Be a Literature Evangelist for a period that has been determined by the Publishing and Youth Departments of your Union.		
5.	Participate in a personal physical fitness plan by completing one of the following:		

	<ul> <li>The physical components of the AY Silver Award. If you already have the AY Silver Award, then move on to the AY Gold Award.</li> </ul>		
	b. A College physical fitness program (that has been approved by your Union).		
	<ul> <li>A personal physical fitness program based on a fitness book of your choice or a workout program in consultation with your Conference/Mission Youth Ministries Director or the designated Pastor/Qualified Youth Ministries Leader.</li> </ul>		
6.	Submit a paper (250 words) or do a recording (5 mins) reflecting on the principles of Conflict Management and Resolution found at <a href="https://www.adventisteducators.org/2018/07/conflict-management/">https://www.adventisteducators.org/2018/07/conflict-management/</a> .		
7.	Complete the Personality test at <a href="https://www.16personalities.com/free-personalitytest">https://www.16personalities.com/free-personalitytest</a> . Print the results and discuss them with your mentor. Focus on how personality influences many areas of your life, particularly the implications on your leadership.		
YOU AN	D YOUTH	Signature	Date
1.	Dialogue in Small Groups (for 30 minutes on each topic) and submit a Reaction Paper (1000 words) or Recording (20 minutes) on 10 of the following topics:		
	a. Church's Relationship to Government		
	b. Music and Worship		
	c. Sex and Romance		
	d. Care for the Environment		
	e. Dating and Marriage		
	f. Service and Volunteering		
	g. Ethics		
	h. Health and Temperance		
	i. Social Justice		
	j. Religious Freedom		
	k. Youth Evangelism		
	I. Violence and Peace		
	m. Christian Dress		
	n. Gossip and Profanity		
	o. AIDS/Cancer		
	p. Recreation and Amusement		
	q. LGBTQIA2S+; (Refer to <a href="https://family.adventist.org/resources/real-answers/">https://family.adventist.org/resources/real-answers/</a> )		
	r. Unemployment and Entrepreneurship		

		s.	Prejudice and Racism/Discrimination		
		t.	Morality		
		u.	Human Rights		
		٧.	Money Consumerism		
		w.	Mental Health;		
		х.	Back to the Altar; www.backtothealtar.org		
		у.	Other:		
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	2. At	ttend a	union or Conference-wide training on Safety Planning and Insurance.		
YOU	AND 1	THE C	HURCH	Signature	Date
:	PO	CM Da	ate fully in any three of the following: Global Youth Day, Week of Prayer, Home Coming Sabbath, y, and Youth Commitment Celebration Day (Check Dates in the GC Calendar of Events, gc.adventist.org/events/special-days/).		
:	2. Er	nhance	e your knowledge of Church Heritage by completing one of the following:		
		a.	Earn the Adventist Heritage Award.		
		b.	Read the book called The AY Story and submit a reflection paper of 250 words or a 5-minute recording.		
		C.	Write (3000 words)/Record (25 mins) the history of a local church in consultation with the Conference/Mission Youth Ministries Director or Designee. Research the history of a church that has not been submitted by your peers.		
3	3. D	o one	of the following:		
		a.	Teach the Sabbath School lesson or Inverse lesson to a group of Senior Youth for a minimum of one quarter within one year.		
		b.	Get involved or volunteer in any other department of the local church and attend relevant leadership training offered by the local church/ conference.		
		c.	Other		

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4.	Do one	of the following:			
	a.	Plan and direct/co-direct a weekend church, a Senior Youth retreat, or a Spiritual Emphasis week for youth. Where necessary subdivide the group.			
	b.	Plan and direct at least two Senior Youth recreational activities covering a total time span of at least six hours. Where necessary subdivide the group.			
YOU A	ND THE C	OMMUNITY	Signature	Date	
1.	Do a Ne	eeds Analysis of your community.			
2.	Develo	p a plan on how to address the needs of your community.			
3.		or co-direct a community Better Living or Youth Alive program for a minimum of 3 days.			
4.	Choose	any two from the following list. Endeavor to lead one or more persons to Christ:			
	a.	Identify one young person who has stopped attending church and establish a relationship with him/her.			
	b.	Be actively involved in sustainable Global Youth Day (GYD) or community service projects.			
	C.	Organize or present sermons for an evangelistic campaign (public evangelism, minimum 2 weeks).			
	d.	Engage in Personal Evangelism through Friendship Ministry, Small Group Ministry, etc.			
	e.	Serve as an Adventist Youth Task Force volunteer for a minimum of six months.			
	f.	Serve as a Student Missionary or One Year in Mission (OYIM) volunteer for a minimum of six months			
	g.	Give a series of Christ-centered Bible studies covering at least fifteen major doctrines.			
	h.	Other: (To be determined by the Union)			

## 10-HOUR SENIOR YOUTH SEMINARS

Attend a 10-hour conference-sponsored Youth Society Seminar addressing the following areas of youth ministry:

SEMINARS	Signature	Date
Seminar 1 – Introduction		
Seminar 2 – Youth Development		
Seminar 3 – Need for specialized ministry		
Seminar 4 – Leadership		
Seminar 5 – Mentoring		
Seminar 6 – Church Planning		
Seminar 7 – Creative Youth Ministry		
Seminar 8 – Serving		
Seminar 9 – Outreach		
Seminar 10 – Digital Ministry		
DOCUMENTATION	Signature	Date
Compile a portfolio (physical or digital) documenting all of your work related to completing the Senior Youth Leader curriculum.		

We certify that	
has completed the requirements for the Senior Youth Leader.	
Instructor/Mentor:	Date:
AYM Chair:	Date:
Conference/Mission Youth Ministries Director or Designee:	
	Date:

(NAME AND TITLE)

