



20th ANNIVERSARY
2019 LEADERS IN LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE



January 14, 2019

Dear School Principal/Representative or Youth Agency Representative,

We are inviting you and your students to participate in the 20th annual **Leaders in Life Youth Conference**, which will be held on **Thursday, March 14, 2019**, from **8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**, at the Rabobank Convention Center/Marriott Bakersfield. The purpose of this event is to give our local youth a positive environment to discuss and evaluate issues they face daily. These issues will be addressed in workshop sessions throughout the day by adult and youth facilitators with expertise in each topic of discussion. Sample topics include youth mentoring programs, college information and applications, relationships, self-esteem, stress management, conflict mediation, bullying prevention, and school safety.

The conference, **planned by teens for teens**, is open to middle school and high school students in 6th-12th grades. Participants will hear a nationally-recognized keynote speaker, attend two workshops on teen issues and gain information on matters important to them during the resource fair. **We invite you to send a maximum of 40 students, per school, to the conference. PLEASE NOTE: The conference has filled to capacity the past three years; schools must adhere to the 40-student limit.** All registered participants will be provided lunch and a conference t-shirt.

We strongly encourage you to send students and youth who can most appreciate and benefit from attending a conference focused on youth issues they may be dealing with. The students you select should represent **diverse backgrounds, diverse academic achievement levels, as well as cultural and ethnic diversity**. We will be prepared to make accommodations for special needs students and encourage you to include them in your delegation.

This **20th Anniversary Leaders in Life Youth Conference**, we are excited to welcome back **Josh Shipp as our Keynote speaker**. Josh has been featured by The New York Times, Good Morning America, OPRAH, and his documentary TV series from A&E followed his ground-breaking work with teens. He's the author of "The Grownups Guide to Teenage Humans" and has spoken at Harvard, Stanford, and to more than two million students, parents, teachers, and caring adults. Josh has established an international reputation as an inspiring youth motivational speaker with a simple and entertaining, yet challenging message.

Abandoned and abused as a child, Josh was able to triumph over the tragedy, and he continues to encourage everyone to overcome struggles and live life to the fullest. He is a former Foster Youth that has turned his many tough life experiences into a platform for promoting mentoring and caring adult relationships with kids as way to help teens become more resilient. And he does so through the power of laughter. Josh is a spokesperson for National Foster Care Month, a marathon runner and a guitar hero. Read more about Josh online at www.JoshShipp.com

Thanks to the Leaders in Life Youth Conference Planning Committee and the support and contributions from local businesses and individuals, we are able to bring you this event at a phenomenal rate. **The registration fee is \$20.00 per person (students and adult chaperones) if your Intent to Participate is received by Monday, February 4, 2019. The fee will increase after that date.** Also, remember that **your school or agency is responsible for paying and arranging for transportation to and from the conference, as well as providing adult chaperones/advisors at a required student to adult ratio of 10:1. Please feel free to encourage parents/guardians to help serve as chaperones/advisors.** The school or agency bears complete responsibility for each student they bring to the Leaders in Life Youth Conference. Students are not to be left unattended at any time.

Enclosed is an **Intent to Participate** form for the conference. Please fill out the form and **return it by e-mail or fax, no later than Monday, February 4, 2019, to the attention of Sheri McWilliams e-mail: shmcwilliams@kern.org or fax (661) 636-4329.**

A conference registration packet will be e-mailed to the contact person on your *Intent to Participate* form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Coomber at (661) 852-5674, email: jecoomber@kern.org or Daryl Thiesen at (661) 852-5649, email: dathiesen@kern.org. To learn more about the Leaders in Life Youth Conference, please go to www.leadersinlife.org.

Sincerely,

The Leaders in Life Youth Conference Planning Committee



2019 Leaders In Life Youth Conference Intent to Participate Form

SCHOOL/AGENCY NAME: SCHOOL DISTRICT (if applicable): CONTACT PERSON: POSITION: EMAIL ADDRESS: ADDRESS: CITY & ZIP CODE: PHONE: FAX:

Yes, we intend to participate in the 2019 Leaders in Life Youth Conference by sending:

- Up to 10 students, with 1 adult advisor/chaperone (1 for every 10 students)
Up to 20 students, with 2 adult advisors/chaperones (1 for every 10 students)
Up to 30 students, with 3 adult advisors/chaperones (1 for every 10 students)
Up to 40 students, with 4 adult advisors/chaperones (1 for every 10 students)

Registration Fee per person (students and adult advisors/chaperones):

- \$20 - If Intent to Participate is received by February 4, 2019
\$25 - If Intent to Participate is received by February 25, 2019
\$30 - If Intent to Participate is received after February 25, 2019

Parents may serve as advisors/chaperones with school or agency approval. Fees are payable at time of registration.

No, we cannot participate at this time because:

- Not enough chaperones/advisors available
Time and date conflict with school/agency schedule
Not enough student interest
Transportation costs (if this is a barrier, please contact Daryl Thiesen, 661-852-5649 or dathiesen@kern.org)
other

School/agency agrees to arrange and bear all costs of transportation to the Rabobank Convention Center/Marriott Bakersfield on Thursday, March 14, 2019 with students arriving not later than 8:30 a.m. and leaving not later than 2:15 p.m. School/agency also agrees to provide one chaperone for every ten students attending the conference. *

Name of Authorized School/Agency Representative

Date

Return Intent to Participate form not later than Monday, February 4, 2019 to:

Leaders in Life Youth Conference

Attn: Sheri McWilliams

Return this page via e-mail: shmcwilliams@kern.org or Fax: (661) 636-4329

1300 17th Street - 5th floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301

For information, contact Jeff Coomber: Phone: (661) 852-5674

THIS FORM IS ONLY TO NOTIFY US OF YOUR INTENT TO ATTEND OR NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. THIS IS NOT THE REGISTRATION FORM. A REGISTRATION PACKET WILL BE E-MAILED TO THE CONTACT ABOVE.

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