

JURISDICTIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE
FOR MANITOBA

1109 – 234 Ronald Street
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TO ALL ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAH LODGES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Find attached an application for the Odd Fellows and Rebekah United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. This application can be duplicated or additional copies can be obtained by contacting Solange Malenfant at 1-204-885-5179. For the second year an additional page has been added to emphasize the obligations of the candidates.

The competition is opened to all high school students who will be 16 years of age by December 31st 2010 or will not turn 18 years of age after 1st August 2010. An applicant must have a minimum of one year of high school remaining.

All applications must be returned to the sponsoring lodge no later than 10 September 2009. Upon receipt the applications will be reviewed and signed by Lodge Officers and the sponsoring lodge seal will be affixed. **Please note that all applications are due two months earlier this year due to the implementation of a speech contest.**

The completed applications are to be forwarded to above mentioned address as soon as possible following 10 September 2009. Upon receipt the application will be reviewed, graded and speech contest will be finalized and applicants will be advised of date and place. It is anticipated that the speech contest will take place in a central area. The name of the successful candidates will be advised at March 2010 Session in Winnipeg.

**UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH
TOUR AGREEMENT**

This agreement dated this _____ day of _____, 20 __, by and between the
Jurisdictional UNP of _____ herein referred to as "Lodge" and

(legal guardian/parent) (legal guardian/parent) for _____
(delegate)

Whereas, Lodge is sponsoring a United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth to begin on or about _____, and

Whereas, Lodge is undertaking at considerable expense to sponsor this Tour and wishes to assure itself that the delegate once agreeing to participate will complete the Tour and give a post trip talk to the sponsoring lodge,

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual premises herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Lodge agrees to provide and pay for the individual expenses of the delegate for a United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour to take place on or about _____
At no cost to the Guardian/Parent except as hereafter provided.
2. Guardian/Parent agrees on behalf of the Delegate that once a decision has been made to participate in said Tour, that the Delegate will complete the same except in the case of an emergency as may be determined at the sole discretion of the Lodge.
3. Guardian/Parent further agrees that if the Delegate fails to complete the Tour for any other reason than a Lodge determined emergency, Guardian/Parent agrees to reimburse Lodge for the full cost of the individual trip within thirty days from date of billing.
4. Guardian/Parent agrees that the Delegate is required to give the sponsoring lodge a post trip account of the trip. In the event of his/her failure to do so in a satisfactory manner to the lodge, that Guardian/Parent will rebate one-half of the individual trip cost to the Lodge within thirty days from date of billing.
5. In the event the Delegate is unable to participate in said trip after agreeing to do so, Guardian/Parent will notify Lodge immediately so that an alternate can be selected.
6. Guardian/Parent further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Lodge from any claims or demands of Delegate or others that may result from any accident or illness of Delegate in regard to said Tour.

This agreement shall be effective as of the date of signing.

(UNP Coordinator/Sponsoring Lodge)

(Date)

(Guardian/Parent of Delegate)

(Date)

**ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS
UNITED NATIONS
PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH**

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

YOURNAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **MALE** _____ **FEMALE** _____

SCHOOL _____

**WHAT IS THE ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS UNITED NATIONS
PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH?**

It is a unique educational program that brings together high school students from all over the world to visit historical locations in Canada and the United States and to learn the history and diversity of two great nations. A highlight of each tour is the United Nations and New York City experience.

For young adults interested in world affairs, international relations, economics and/or political sciences, it is the opportunity of a lifetime.

The United Nations building is situated in New York City on several acres of parkland and sculpture gardens. It is common ground to the World's people. The striking buildings which form United Nations Headquarters offer a vision of international ideals.

When you step through the entrance gate past the flags of all the member nations, you enter an international zone. The United Nations has its own uniformed security force. It also has a postal administration which sells unique stamps and stationery. These can only be obtained in the United Nations building.

The United Nations Bookshop carries official publications of the United Nations and its related agencies on major world issues. The Gift Centre and Souvenir Shops sell flags and souvenirs of the United Nations and its member countries. Gift items and handicraft items from the member countries are also available.

WHO SPONSORS THE TOUR?

The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth is sponsored by the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to inspire the youth of today to pursue global agendas that will enable them to help their own communities relate to world affairs in the future.

WHEN DOES THE TOUR TAKE PLACE?

For Manitoba students the tour is approximately 12 days. Departure dates vary from year to year but generally occur within the first ten days of July. When scheduling is complete all students will be advised specific details for the tour.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Competition is opened to all high school students who will be 16 years of age by December 31st of the year of the trip, or who will not turn 18 years of age until after August 1st of the year of the trip, and applicants must have a minimum of one year of high school remaining.

All applications are reviewed by the selection committee for evidence of leadership, character, concern for community welfare, interest in world affairs and general fitness. Each applicant is required to write an essay and to participate in a jurisdictional speech contest. Applicants will be advised of the place, date and time of the speech contest at a later date.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

All transportation, meals, lodging and sightseeing expenses are paid by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The student provides spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments, and some optional entertainment events.

Parents/guardians must give written permission for a student to attend the program, and agree to pay for the student's return trip should accident, illness or misbehavior prevent further participation in the tour.

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION –

- Copy of latest Statement of Marks certified by your principal
- Letter of reference from one of your teachers.
- Letter of reference from a leader of a group or activity in which you participate
- An essay, approximately 500 words in length, describing the involvement of the United Nations in a current world event.
- A head and shoulder photograph of yourself.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PAGES –

You may use front and back of each page, and insert additional pages if required.

- School involvements – Scholarships, Award, and Extra Curricular School Activities
- Civic and Community Memberships and Service
- Affidavit and Signatures of Applicant and Parent//Guardian

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENTS – SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, and EXTRA
CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List point form, commencing with Grade 10 to date, any awards you have received:

- School course awards, music, athletics, etc
- Other activities sponsored by the school outside the regular curriculum such as school clubs, bands, school teams, etc.
- Proficiency awards, sport awards, community scholarships, etc.
- Membership in school clubs such as camera clubs, debating teams, sport teams Sponsored by the school, etc.

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE.

List in point forms:

- Any volunteer work undertaken in the community
- Show all past and present memberships in community-based groups such as 4H, Scouts, Guides, CGIT, Church, or Church Sunday School
- List all offices held in any of these organizations.
- Show any projects of a community service nature that you took part in while a member of these organizations.

AFFIDAVIT –

- I am willing to compete for the privilege of taking part in the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour.
- My parents/guardians have consented to my making this application.
- Should I be selected as a delegate I will participate wholeheartedly in the project, and on my return am willing to make reports and/or speeches on what I have seen and experienced.
- I will be 16 years of age by December 31st of the year of the trip, and will not be 18 years of age before August 1st of the year of the trip.
- I plan on continuing my education for at least one year following the tour.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

AFFIX HEAD AND SHOULDERS PHOTOGRAPH BELOW –

**INSUCTRCTIONS TO SPONSORING ODD FELLOWS OR BEKEHAH
LODGE**

- Completed application should be received by sponsoring lodge by 10th September 2009.
- Application to be reviewed and signed by Officers of sponsoring lodge.
- Seal of sponsoring lodge to be affixed.
- Mail completed application to be received no later than 20th September 2009 to

Solange Malenfant, Chairman
United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth
1109 – 234 Ronald Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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NAME OF LODGE _____

NOBLE GRAND _____

SECRETARY _____

CHAIRMAN, LODGE YOUTH COMMITTEE _____

LODGE SEAL