

October 6, 2014

To: All Minnesota High School Students

By participating in an upcoming speech contest, you have the opportunity to win an ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP on the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage, which is a 14-day trip including tours of Philadelphia, New York City, Washington, DC, and Ottawa, Canada. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of Minnesota will provide this trip for at least one delegate. For more information on the trip and the sponsoring organization: <http://www.unpilgrimage.org> or www.IOOF.org

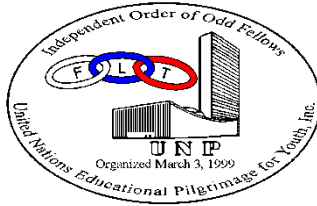
All you need to do is complete the Candidate Application and give a 3-minute speech in December. The Jurisdictional Speech Contest, sponsored by Starlight #11 Rebekah Lodge, will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at the Winnebago Municipal Building, 140 Main St. South, Winnebago, MN. The topic for the 3-minute speech for each candidate is:

DESCRIBE THE UNITED NATIONS INVOLVMENT IN A CURRENT WORLD AFFAIR.

To be eligible for the speech contest, candidates must be 16 or 17 years of age with a minimum of one year of high school remaining. Additionally, the tour requires a considerable amount of walking, so the delegates should be in good physical condition. While on the trip, they are required to participate in a speech contest while in New York for a chance to earn a \$1,000 college scholarship. The topic of that speech will be given to all delegates upon arrival in New York City. The dates for the tours are July 11 – 24 and July 16 – 29 (two separate tours). Minnesota will send at least one delegate.

If you are interested, please complete the Candidate Application sheet (including the required essay) and **return to an Odd Fellows, Rebekah, or Encampment lodge before November 21, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Benesh:

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ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

Candidate Application Form

Name: _____ School: _____

Address: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. Describe the involvement of the United Nations in a current World Affair (minimum 500 word essay).
2. List topics of discussion that you prepared and publicly presented this year. Include school presentations.
3. Describe your involvement in church, civic and community affairs.
4. Why do you want to participate in this Program
5. Three Adult references (Principal, Teacher, Pastor, friend) for an evaluation of character and leadership. Please list name, address, and telephone number.

Should I be selected as a delegate, I will participate wholeheartedly in this Program. Upon my return, I am willing to give reports and/or speeches regarding my experience on the trip.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____