

August 18, 2020



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 Youth Pilgrimage, which is a 14-day trip including tours of New York City, Washington, DC, Ottawa, Canada, and other Historical sites. 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.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com> or www.mnoddfellows.org under Programs > Pilgrimage for Youth >

All you need to do is complete the Candidate Application and give a 3 minute speech in October. The Jurisdictional Speech Contest will be held on:

Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

Hassan Valley Lodge Hall (2nd Floor)

148 Main Street South

Hutchinson, MN

(NOTE: Main Street construction may hinder parking.)

This speech contest is sponsored by Hassan Valley Odd Fellows Lodge #109 and the Joint Odd Fellow/Rebekah Youth Committee. The topic for the 3 minute speech for each candidate is:

DESCRIBE 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 \$2,000 college scholarship. The topic of that speech will be given to all delegates upon arrival in New York City. The dates for the tours will be departing on July 3, 2021 and returning on July 16, 2021. Minnesota will send at least one delegate.

If you are interested, please complete the Candidate Application sheet (including the required essay) and **return to Donna Steele at the address below before October 1, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Steele:

Pilgrimage for Youth Committee
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Candidate Application Form

Name: _____ School: _____

Address: _____ Grade: _____

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

School: _____ Grade Average: _____

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

1. Describe 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. Give three adult references (Principal, Teacher, Pastor, friend) for an evaluation of character and leadership. Please list name, address, telephone number, and email.

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 on what I have seen and experienced.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____