



## 2021 Anytown Alabama Delegate Application

Anytown Alabama

June 6th - June 12th 2021

If Anytown 2021 is not held in-person, participants still in high school will have the option of reapplying to the next in-person summit and/or the advance anytown institute. We will make the decision to have 2021 Anytown Alabama in-person, hybrid, or fully remote by March 31st, 2021.

### What is Anytown?

Anytown Alabama is a week-long residential social justice leadership program for high school students. At Anytown Alabama, student delegates engage in typical summer camp activities and also develop leadership skills that they take back to their schools and communities. Student delegates spend a week participating in refreshingly open and supportive dialogue, forming life-long friendships, and sharing their cultures and beliefs while appreciating those of others. Students engage in intensive and interactive learning about social justice issues and leave Anytown empowered as leaders. Anytown is a fantastic opportunity for students who are currently in 9th – 11th grades to spend a week developing leadership skills and learning about social justice issues. Students make great friends, build their college resumes, and have a ton of fun!

### Who should apply for Anytown?

**ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!**

Whether you are an established leader or a potential leader, we encourage you to apply. Anytown is seeking students of every race, school, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, and ability. Online applications are also available at [acealabama.org/anytownalabama](http://acealabama.org/anytownalabama).

### Application Deadlines

**Early: March 12, 2021 | \$400**

**Final: April 16, 2021 | \$450**

The fee for Anytown Alabama covers room, board and transportation. Scholarships are readily available. *No applicant will be turned away because of inability to pay.*

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by: March 12th, 2021 for early deadline or April 16, 2021 for final deadline**

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**The completed application should include the following and will not be considered complete without:**

- **Personal Statement**
- **Parent/Guardian Signature**
- **Completed reference**

**Anytown Alabama Teen Leadership Summit is traditionally an incredibly immersive experience involving activities that require participants to interact in close proximity. While we recognize the value of exploring social justice issues in-person, we must acknowledge that it is possible and even likely that we will not be able to conduct Anytown 2021 as a weeklong, fully-residential summit due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The safety of all of our participants is of the utmost importance. In preparing for all likelihoods, plans for a hybrid or complete remote camp are also underway. Anytown co-directors will follow CDC guidelines and restrictions to make contingency plans as necessary. In the event that Anytown 2021 is held as a hybrid or fully remote camp, would you still like to be considered as a participant?**

- Yes, I want to participate in any way.**
- Yes, only if in person.**
- Yes, only if hybrid or remote.**

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# Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name *(this will be the name we will print on your nametag)*: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School Next Year (2021-2022):

10th

11th

12th

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

2XL

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/ Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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# Demographics

To help our effort to have a diverse group of delegates, please be sure to complete all sections below.

## Gender Identity:

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Genderqueer
- Gender Fluid
- Non-binary
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Preferred Gender Pronouns

- She, her, hers
- He, him, his
- They, them, theirs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Racial/Ethnic Identity:

- Black/African American
- White
- Hispanic/Latine
- Multiracial/Biracial
- Asian
- Pacific Islander
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Religion/Faith Identity:

- Protestant Christian (Baptist, Methodist, Non-Denominational, etc.)
- Catholic
- Hindu
- Agnostic
- Atheist
- Sikh
- Judaism
- Islam
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to list a house of worship? \_\_\_\_\_

## Sexual Orientation:

- Heterosexual/Straight
- LGBTQIA+
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Groups with which you identify: \_\_\_\_\_

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# General Information

**Anytown Alabama Teen Leadership Summit: June 6-12, 2021**

Will you be able to attend the entire week of the summit?

- Yes
- No

**Have you ever been involved with NCCJ or ACE? Yes or No, (if yes, please specify (e.g. Peace Bham, volunteering, etc.) :**

- Yes
- No

**If yes, specify dates and organization(s)** (e.g. Peace Birmingham, volunteering):

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**How did you find out about Anytown Alabama?** (Please be specific as possible, including names of people and/or places):

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## Personal Statement

*Please use the space provided to answer the following questions. Responses should be three to five sentences.*

**What experiences, qualities, or ideas do you have that will make you a good contributor to Anytown Alabama?**

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**What do you expect to gain from attending Anytown Alabama?**

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**What do you think are the biggest issues facing your school and/or community?**

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## **Dear Applicant and Parent/Guardians(s):**

Anytown Alabama is a significant program for both delegate and family. We encourage the delegate's family to be part of this experience. Delegates and parents will be invited to both pre- and post-Anytown meetings. **All applications must include a completed and signed Delegate Application and Reference Form to be considered.** Please read over the following information:

## **Cost of Anytown**

Scholarships are readily available to delegates who **need** financial assistance. **Students will not be prevented from attending Anytown because of their inability to pay.** Neither staff nor delegates will know how much, if any, financial assistance is given to a student. The fee for Anytown is **\$400 (early deadline)/ \$450 (final deadline)** which includes all meals, transportation, lodging, educational materials and an Anytown Alabama t-shirt.

***Send no money until notified of acceptance.***

- My child does not need a scholarship.**
- I would like to request a scholarship for my child. My family is able to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my child to attend Anytown Alabama. A \$50 minimum is requested but not required.**

**Signatures-** please write legibly:

**Applicant Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_

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## Reference

Please have the **confidential** reference form completed **by an adult or Anytown Alum who is NOT related to you**. Completed forms can be completed online, e-mailed, faxed, or mailed directly to ACE. Applications will not be considered without a completed reference form.

## Reference Form

This is a **confidential** reference form. Once completed, please email directly to

[amiller@alaquest.net](mailto:amiller@alaquest.net) or mail to ATTN: Anytown Alabama, P.O. Box 550241, Birmingham, AL 35255.

*Anytown Alabama is a weeklong teen leadership summit experience that empowers students to become leaders in creating a stronger, more inclusive community for all. Student delegates at Anytown engage in dialogues, games, and activities that help them break down personal barriers and learn to respond with kindness, courage, and respect to difficult real-life situations. Anytown delegates gain self-confidence as they share their culture and beliefs and appreciate those of others.*

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# **Applicant Information**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

# **Reference Information**

**Name of Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Position/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Reference Fax Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?**

**2. Describe what you think the delegate could gain from the Anytown Alabama experience and how he/she would use the experience back in your school/congregation/organization?**

**3. Applicant's Strengths:**

**4. Applicant's Weakness:**

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**5. Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school students you have known.**

	Exceptional	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
<b>Concern for others</b>					
<b>Open-mindedness</b>					
<b>Willingness to learn about other cultures and religions</b>					
<b>Initiative to take knowledge back to school and community</b>					
<b>Desire to make friends across racial and cultural lines</b>					
<b>Willingness to engage in dialogue</b>					
<b>Maturity to discuss issues of inclusion and exclusion</b>					
<b>Interest in improving intergroup relations</b>					

**Reference Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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