

**Koinonia of Upper New York
Young Mens/Womens co-ed KOINONIA Application**

TO BE COMPLETED FULLY BY THE CANDIDATE AND RETURNED TO THE SPONSOR

Candidate Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Email address _____

Name wished on *name tag* _____ Sex (Male / Female)

Name & Denomination of church _____

School presently attending _____

Religious/Community Organizations in which you are active, please list any leadership positions: _____

School Organizations in which you are active, please list any leadership positions: _____

Do you have special dietary allergies/restrictions? If so, please list: _____

Do you have health issues or physical/emotional handicap that may affect your participation? If so, please list so that we may be able to accommodate you as best we can: _____

Please briefly state why you wish attend/be involved in a KOINONIA Weekend:

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I understand that I must remain on site the entire weekend, beginning from 9:00 am (Saturday in October / Friday in March) until about 3:00 pm (Monday in October / Sunday in March).

Sponsor Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Candidate Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/ Printed Name: _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Requested information is *necessary* for proper registration for participation. Please fully complete all forms.

You will be notified of your acceptance and the dates and location of your weekend. It is **IMPORTANT** that you notify us **immediately** if you cannot come. There is usually a waiting list.

The cost of the weekend is \$60.00. You, your parent/guardian, your home church, or your sponsor, may enclose a check when returning this form to registrar or make payment at registration table on the first day of the weekend. Checks should be made payable to: Closer Walk of Upper New York. There *are* scholarships available (please contact the registrar) and the cost should not keep anyone from applying for participation. If you have the desire to attend, God will provide the means.

It is a very busy three days beginning at 9:00 am (Friday March/Saturday October) and ending about 3:00 pm (Sunday March/Monday October). Candidates must stay on site the entire weekend. **Therefore, persons of fragile health, or persons with serious emotional issues should not attempt a weekend.** Where health or other challenges do exist, it should be clearly stated on the application so that the team can be prepared. Also please be sure that your candidate is *willing* to attend.

All applications are **confidential** and are destroyed after the weekend.

Please return this form to:
KOINONIA of UNY
C/O Melissa Watkins
P.O. Box 382
Freeville, NY13082

Please contact: 315-263-5223 or melissa_watkins_1@hotmail.com with any questions.

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PASTORS/YOUTH LEADER REFERENCE FORM

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This form should be filled out **completely and thoroughly**. It will help us to place the candidate in a small group where he/she will benefit the most. The KOINONIA leadership will keep this information in **STRICT CONFIDENCE**, and all forms will be destroyed at the end of the weekend.

Candidate Name: _____ Church: _____

NOTE: KOINONIA IS A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL UPPER-CLASSMEN/WOMEN

Please circle the appropriate adjective and comment as necessary.

Exercise of Leadership: None Poor Good Excellent
Comments: _____

Maturity: Immature Average Mature Very Mature
Comments: _____

Area(s) of Leadership: Church School Athletics Social Student Government Drama/ Music Other
Comments: _____

Relationship to Peers: Quiet Withdrawn Talkative Domineering Well-Liked
Comments: _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____ In what capacity? _____

On a separate sheet, please finish/add additional comments that you feel could help the leadership team understand and deal sympathetically with the candidate. Comments about the candidate's home life, personality, attitude toward life, doubts, difficulties and hopes might be of great help.

Pastor's Printed Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

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Email address: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

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Sponsor's Duties

- Pray for God's guidance for your candidate before inviting him/her to attend a weekend.
- Live the message of the Closer Walk/YAK/KOINONIA weekend/movement.
- Know your candidate *well*. He/she must have a certain amount of maturity and open-mindedness.
- Make sure your candidate is going because he/she wants to.
- Pray, considering whether God is calling you to pay your candidate's cost for the weekend (\$60.00). Often times the candidate's home church or the candidate's parents will be willing pay. Or each entity is able to work together to cover the cost. Checks should be made payable to: Closer Walk of Upper New York. There *are* scholarships available (please contact the registrar) and the cost should *not* keep anyone from applying for participation. If your candidate has the desire to attend, God will provide the means.
- Give your candidate their portion of the application to complete and **return to you**.
- Complete your portion and **mail both** of those **to the registrar**.
 - At the same time, give the pastor's portion of the application to the pastor (or youth leader if more familiar with the candidate) along with a **stamped envelope addressed to the registrar** for mailing by that person.
- Transport your candidate **to and from** the weekend and the reunion and stay after dropping off your candidate for the Sponsor's Hour.
- **You** are responsible to gather **agape notes** for your candidate from family, teachers, close friends, coaches, pastor, church family members, etc. and to explain to your candidate's parents/guardian about the **hoot and holy hour** and the importance that they *be* there.
- Support your candidate at the holy hour, with agape, and at the hoot and offer to bring/carpool with their family/parent(s)/guardian(s)/friend(s) to holy hour and the hoot.
- Take your candidate to the reunion & attend with them.
- Encourage your candidate to attend monthly happenings and, if feasible, provide or help to arrange transportation.
- Please, continue, after the weekend is over, to pray and influence them to grow in Christ and stay involved in their journey.
- **Your obligation is not light – pray for and guide your candidate.**

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Thank You!

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