

GOAL Trust Summer Intensive Programme 2016

Mizpah Youth Camp, Grabouw

Participant Application Information Letter

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the GOAL Trust Summer Intensive Leadership Programme. This

The GOAL Trust – Giving Opportunities to Aspiring Leaders – was established in 2010 as an umbrella body for youth empowerment programmes in South Africa. As a result, each year GOAL runs an innovative and unique programme that brings together youth from diverse religious, racial and socio-economic backgrounds, to work together and interact in a productive and safe environment.

The curriculum of the programme is designed to engage students to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes with respect to being responsible citizens within South Africa. Key topics, relating to issues of social responsibility, religion, diversity and reconciliation, will be addressed during the daily sessions as well as free time and art activities. Due to the intensity and intimacy of the programme, a limited number of 32 participants will be accepted.

This letter serves to provide you with all the information you need to apply.

Age: Participants must be currently in grade 11, and entering their final academic year, AND must be at least 16 but no older than 18 within the calendar year.

Participant Criteria: Applicants should demonstrate leadership potential and interest in listening, talking and interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds. The programme includes group and individual face-to-face discussion on such topics as religion, violence, reconciliation, politics, leadership, responsible citizenship and co-existence. Since participants come from varied ethnic, religious, cultural, political, and socio-economic backgrounds, each person must be willing to share his/her viewpoints and to learn from other points of view.

Participants must demonstrate a strong desire and commitment to the Programme and its stated goals and objectives. This commitment also includes being available to attend all scheduled events during 2016. All programmes will be conducted in English. **Participants must have competency in speaking English.**

The programme welcomes people from diverse religious, cultural, racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. The selection of participants will therefore not be discriminated against on any grounds of race, gender, sexuality, physical ability, or socio-economic status of applicants.

Dates: The Summer Intensive is from the 4th – 10th January. Participants travelling from outside of Cape Town should arrive at 2pm on the 3rd January (If you are from outside of Cape Town, you would need to arrange your own transport to the city). Transport to the campsite will be provided from a central point in the city, which will be communicated.

Program Fees: Participants are **not** selected based on their ability to pay. Financial arrangements for participants will be negotiated after an applicant is accepted into the programme. However, all selected participants are requested to pay R750. This amount will include accommodation, transport (in Cape Town), and all meals. All other costs will be carried by the GOAL Trust. On the application form below, please indicate the financial contribution you are able to make.

Dietary Info: GOAL strives to create an atmosphere in which participants can fulfill what they consider to be their religious obligations while pushing themselves to encounter individuals who are different from themselves. Food and its preparation is one of the key places where this takes place. The following is what GOAL can and does provide:

GOAL serves exclusively vegetarian food for the majority of its meals. Most meals will be kosher vegetarian - the only exception to our vegetarian policy is two evenings when we have outdoor braai's. Each type of food is kept on its own grill and prepared with utensils reserved exclusively for that type of food. Our kitchen staff has worked with us for several years and is very familiar with the needs of each community.

If you have further questions please contact **Revd Natalie Simons at 083 987 2130**

We look forward to receiving your application.

NB: Application deadline is Monday 30th November. No late applications will be considered.

Kind regards,

The GOAL Trust

Application Form:

Personal Details:

Full name _____

Gender _____

Religious Identity (if applicable) _____

Identification/Birth
Certificate Number _____

Name of School _____

Address of School _____

Name of Head of School/
Principal _____

Phone number of school _____

Fax number of school _____

Contact Teacher at School _____

Grade in 2016 _____

Emergency Contact Person _____

Contact Number _____

Relation _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Home Street Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Cellular Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Dietary Needs (please circle) Halaal, Vegetarian, Kosher, None, Other (please state)

Please state any allergies _____

Please state any medical conditions _____

Financial Needs:

The cost of the programme is R750. However participants are **not** selected based on their ability to pay. Therefore please indicate honestly, your financial position.

I can pay R750

I can pay R500

I can pay R300

I can contribute in kind.

E.g. Food donations, air miles, transport assistance, stationery etc.

Please motivate and explain your selection:

Short Essay Questions (max 200 words per question):

Briefly motivate why you wish to attend the GOAL Summer Intensive Programme 2016?

What does Active Citizenship mean to you?

The biggest issue facing my community, that I feel passionate, about is...

The way I can contribute towards this is....

Please tell us about a significant moment that has influenced your life in the last few years. What happened and how did it impact you?

Please send this application form along with a copy of your ID to natalie@goaltrust.org

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Good luck!