Destination Education

The Student Board seeks qualified candidates to fill the following openings in 2011:

1 seat open to a current 9th – 12th grade student at Black River Public School

1 seat open to a current 9th – 12th grade student at Holland Christian High School

3 seats open to current 9th – 12th grade students in Holland Public Schools

3 seats open to current 9th -12th grade students in West Ottawa Public Schools:

3 seats open to current 9th – 12th grade students in Zeeland Public Schools (1 seat reserved for a student from each building, East and West)

2 seats open to current 9th – 12th grade students who are residents of the Holland/Zeeland area but *do not* attend one of the 6 high schools with permanent seats on the Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Board *(Black River, Holland Christian, Holland, West Ottawa, Zeeland East, and Zeeland West)*

All applications and references are to be submitted to

Destination Education by Friday, <u>October 7, 2011</u>.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking the time to apply to the Student Board of Destination Education.

The Student Board is a group of 15 local high school students (two seats will be held by members of the Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland's Youth Advisory Council) who are responsible for peer-to-peer outreach and programming. Members will be a sounding board for programming and workshop ideas that the staff and Advisory Council are planning to implement. They will also dedicate four hours a month to help Destination Education create a college-bound community culture.

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In selecting new members, Destination Education is looking for young people who:

- **Care about the community and want to make a difference**
- **Bring diverse perspectives to our Student Board**
- **Are open-minded, critical thinkers able to discuss tough issues and creative solutions**
- **Demonstrate integrity and initiative in their actions and decisions**

Expectations of Student Board Members:

- **Participate in the majority of monthly Youth Board meetings and activities**
- **Come to meetings prepared and actively participate in decision-making and discussions**
- **Become informed and enthusiastic advocates of Destination Education, its partners, and the importance of access to post-high school education for all area youth.**

Final candidates may be requested to participate in a brief interview with the Destination Education Advisory Committee and Director. All applicants will be notified of final decisions by October 31st. If you have any questions about the application or the Student Board, please contact Monique Powell, Director at destinationeducationhz@yahoo.com or 616.594.7140.

Thank you for your interest and best of luck!

Destination Education Advisory Committee **Monique Powell, Director**

Youth Advisory Board
New Member Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____ Gender: Male ____ Female ____

High School: _____Current Grade: ____ Ethnicity _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

School Activities and Organizations in which you are involved: _____

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Community Activities and Organizations in which you are involved: _____

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Work Experience: _____

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Do you have a parent/guardian who attended college? Yes No

Why do you want to serve on the Student Board of Destination Education?

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Youth Advisory Board
New Member Application

Explain why you believe it is important to attend college and how you are currently preparing to attend.

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If selected, how would you help Destination Education increase awareness about college access?

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How did you hear about the Student Board? _____

Please return your completed application and reference form by **October 7, 2011** to

Destination Education
Monique Powell, Director
96 West 15th Street, Suite 103
Holland, MI 49423
Email: destinationeducationhz@yahoo.com **Fax:** 616.396.3573

Youth Advisory Board
Reference Form

To be completed by School Staff, a Community Member or Mentor. Your reference should not be a relative.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (*Please Print*): _____ Phone: _____

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Name (*Please Print*): _____

Organization: _____ Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

How do you know the Applicant? _____

Why do you feel this Applicant would be a good candidate for the Student Board of Destination Education?

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