Ready Youth Learning Cohort

Application

Thank you for your interest in joining a cohort of leaders who will work together to engage their communities in conversations about how well they are preparing young people for the future. This effort – called the *Ready Youth Learning Cohort* – will launch this September with up to 20 communities that are committed to administering the Gallup Student Poll in October 2013 and utilizing the poll results to catalyze community engagement and action planning in spring 2014.

Please fill out this application and return it to Ian Faigley ([Ian@Forumfyi.org](mailto:Ian@Forumfyi.org)) by September 1, 2013.

1. **Primary Contact**

Name: Phone Number:

Title: E-mail:

Organization:

Are you a school administrator (e.g. superintendent, principal, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, please provide the name and description of one or more community partners who have committed to working with you on this school-community project.

If no, do you have the agreement of your local school administrators to proceed with this application? Yes No

1. **Scope of Community**

Please name the community (i.e. name of specific city, county, region, ward, neighborhood) for which you will be seeking to collect Gallup Student Poll data this fall:

Zip codes in this catchment area:

Total number of young people in this catchment area:

Total number of K-12 schools in this catchment area:

1. **Scope of Students to be Polled**

To best of your ability, please identify the approximate number of students, by school and grade, that you anticipate participating in the poll this fall.

1. **Community Commitments**

To be selected as a *Ready Youth Learning Cohort* site, a community must agree to the following commitments. Please initial next to each commitment, and where appropriate, feel free to add any description or comments that demonstrate your commitment and/or early thinking about how you’d fulfill it.

Participate in the October 2013 administration of the Gallup Student Poll, administered in public and private schools (5th through 12th graders).

Optional Comment:

Share the data in ways that are meaningful and accessible to your community (e.g. holding a town hall meeting or similar community-wide conversation on the data, having focus groups with youth and/or parents, using the data in school- and youth-planning efforts, issuing a written report and/or op-ed) and develop community strategies (in- and out-of-school) to improve young people’s hope, engagement and wellbeing.

*Optional Comment:*

Engage youth in promoting the poll, analyzing and responding to the data, and planning efforts to share the data.

*Optional Comment:*

Fully participate in the *Ready Youth Learning Cohort*, by using available supports and coaching and assisting other participating communities with planning and problem-solving.

*Optional Comment:*

Share your data and experiences with the Ready by 21 National Partnership so your stories can be spotlighted in e-communications, newsletters, meetings and other vehicles to encourage broader participation next year.

*Optional Comment:*

NOTE: Upon initial acceptance into the cohort, the Forum will prepare and send a formal contract and scope of work to codify the provision of products and services in exchange for the discounted $6,000 service fee. Participation in the cohort is contingent upon returning your signed contract.