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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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**YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY SEASON 8**

TO : OIC, Assistant Superintendents  
Division Supervisors/Coordinators  
Secondary School Heads  
Heads, Private Secondary Schools

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 76 s. 2014 entitled, **YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY SEASON 8** for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 076, s. 2014

YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY SEASON 8

To : Schools Division Superintendents  
Officers-in-Charge of Regular and Interim Divisions

1. Enclosed is a message from the National Youth Commission (NYC), Visayas Area Office, endorsing to this Office the opening of the Young Minds Academy Season 8 of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI) – Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center, which will be officially launched on February 8, 2014.
2. For more details, please refer to the attached communication.
3. For information and wide dissemination.

  
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Greetings!!!

We are pleased to endorse to you the opening of Young Minds Academy Season 8.

Attach here are the ff. documents:

- YMA Background
- YMA8 How to join
- Application forms (01-03)

A link on youtube is also provided for better understanding of YMA:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWGBK4TQujo>

The program will officially be launched on February 8 but they are already accepting for applicants as early as now.

**Deadline for application will be on March 10.**

For more information, you may call Ms. Jenny Lea Tan at (032)4187234 loc 112 or text 09236001492.

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RAFI – Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center  
**YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY**

**RAMON ABOITIZ  
FOUNDATION INC**

## **RATIONALE**

"Success without a successor is failure", so the statement goes. This timeless principle underscores the importance of preparing, molding, and nurturing young talent and emerging leaders of today towards positions of leadership and influence for tomorrow. Building a generation of successors implies readiness for the future and readiness for change. It facilitates renewal and survival of groups, and prevents calcification and death of organizations. The flow and infusion of new leadership talent determine the viability and vitality of organizations.

Societies rest on this same readiness for the future. Communities, governments, for-profit corporations and non-profits rely on the qualities, character, and competencies of its leaders and followers. Breeding a generation of young and responsible citizens — who through a process of transformation, develop a deep sense of love of God, love-of-country and understanding of multi-cultural diversity — lays the groundwork for good governance, nation building, and regional development.

A country described by some as a fledgling democracy, the Philippines' potential strength and promising asset lie in the current pool of young people. About thirty per cent of the country's population is below 21 years of age — this represents a fairly young citizenry. Their potentials, however, remain largely undeveloped and untrained owing to several factors — the declining quality of education, foremost.

Many countries in Asia share similar demographics; and where the youth of today will take on the baton of leadership in the years to come.

Developing this pool of fresh human capital towards responsible citizenship (national and global) and accountable leadership requires dedicated and purposeful investment. Investment comes in the form of opportunities for personal, interpersonal and functional growth; and leadership and core (i.e., values and attitudes) development.

The Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. works to elevate lives through a comprehensive approach that champions best practices in community development. In carrying out this brand promise, the foundation recognizes that better lives begin with a community that is ready to effect change. Thus, RAFI gathers future leaders and influencers, particularly the youth, in recognition of their crucial role in nation building.

The Young Minds Academy is one of the many inter-related initiatives and efforts of RAFI through the Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center under its Leadership and Citizenship Focus Area.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

*Young Minds Academy* is a youth leadership and citizenship development program of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. – Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center, aimed at developing young emerging leaders aged 12 – 20 years old:

- to become responsible and pro-active citizens and accountable leaders;
- to become part of a generation of successors ready to serve the public and its interests;
- to become world citizens promoting the virtues of peace, pluralism, respect and multi-cultural understanding.

## **THE APPROACH:**

Young Minds Academy is experiential in approach in a semi-structured learning environment. YMA is a "scholarship" provided by RAFI using experiential education and problem-based learning approaches. The scholars will be exposed to real issues and concerns of our society anchored on the theme for the year. This will enable them to formulate possible solutions through a project model. The scholars will also undergo a series of competence and character development training. These learning sessions form part of the program's curriculum. The program runs for 8 months with modules and sessions conducted and spread out during the summer (April and May), and during weekends and holidays from June onwards.

Each year, the academy will anchor its program and modules to a specific theme. This will serve as the foundation for the annual objectives, criteria and guidelines, module and program design and strategies. The Academy will define and adopt the annual themes.

YMA started in October 2006 with "Environment", "Public Health", "Education", "Governance", and "Poverty and Social Welfare" as themes for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth seasons, respectively. For the sixth to eighth season, the theme is "Urban Development" in support of the Mega Cebu program and framework for long-term and collaborative planning and action towards a more livable, smart, inclusive and sustainable city-region.

## **PROGRAM MECHANICS:**

The program is open for application to all qualified young people ages 12-20, who are interested and committed to be "equipped" and to serve the community in the areas of social development.

The scholarships will be granted on a team basis per category. Interested candidates will undergo the process of application and screening before they will be admitted to the Academy and awarded with the scholarship.

A covenant will be signed between and among RAFI – YMA, the program sponsors, the scholars composing the qualified team and the team accountability partner. The Academy then admits the qualified scholars/ team to the program. RAFI reserves the right to select and accept participating teams as well as to impose sanctions to teams who fail to comply with requirements.

The scholars are categorized based on the following:

- Generation B: 12 – 16 years old
- Generation A: 17 – 20 years old

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

- **Character and Leadership Building**

Through adventure education, scholars are introduced to and apply the concept of responsible citizenship and accountable leadership -- initiating them towards practical personal, interpersonal, and leadership skills of: (i) influencing and gaining support (through effective communication, personal impact, and relationship building); and (ii) producing results. This phase of the program also allows participants to discover or re-discover their individual and group success drivers (i.e., values and attitudes crucial in moving individuals and teams toward goal achievement). A major highlight of this component is the introduction of the 9 Pillars of Character and Leadership: (1) Respect; (2) Responsibility; (3) Citizenship; (4) Caring Leadership; (5) God-centeredness; (6) Trustworthiness; (7) Humility; (8) Fairness; and, (9) Integrity.

- **Learning Visits and Youth Exchange:**

Exposure to actual situations (problematic or successful) allows participants to have first-hand appreciation and understanding of: (i) dynamics of people-to-people interaction; (ii) problems affecting groups and communities; (iii) solutions offered and adopted by individuals and organizations; (iv) strategies and approaches employed by different groups in addressing their respective challenges; and (v) emerging trends in social, local and international development.

Opportunities for international exchange (for the selected candidates) and people – to – people interaction may form part of this component.

- **Capability Building**

The process equips the scholars with the necessary tools, information, methodologies, techniques and basic knowledge in building concepts and ideas; hence, aiding the scholars from the development to the presentation of the projects through structured learning process. The scholars will be exposed to training and workshops necessary to facilitate understanding and appreciation. The following courses are identified:

- ⇒ S-Leadership: The Potter's Way (God-centered Leadership)
- ⇒ YMA Adventure Camp (Character and Leadership Building)
- ⇒ Think Quest (Creative and Critical Thinking)
- ⇒ Social Discovery Walk (Community Awareness)
- ⇒ Youth Mapping (Social Development Introduction and Social Research)
- ⇒ Thematic Enrichment Session (Theme-based Learning Visits)
- ⇒ Project Model Development (Immersion, Project Identification, and Proposal Development)
- ⇒ Project Implementation/ Internship (Social Marketing and Dream Block)

- **Immersion**

The process provides the venue for the scholars to gain relevant exposure and to work intensively with people, systems, approaches and practices. The process involves the scholars to be immersed with the locals, areas (problematic or successful), institutions and organizations that will impart knowledge and understanding on the anchored theme for the year.

- **Project Development**

The process of developing critical thinking (analysis and reflection) can be aided by providing the scholars the opportunity to learn by themselves. This 'self-learn' mode will be facilitated through the conduct of research (gathering primary and secondary information through formal and informal, structured and semi-structured processes), analysis and reflection, debate and dialogue.

Once data is obtained and analyzed, participants (through their respective teams) formulate and present recommendations in addressing specific issues, challenges, and concerns. They document this whole process of investigation, analysis, conclusions, and recommendations through a project concept or model.

The projects are developed in partnership with a civil society organization or local government unit, which will serve as field mentor and co-implementing partner of the YMA teams. RAFI internal and external mentors are also provided to the scholars to further enhance their project models. Project models are then presented to RAFI for evaluation, consideration for funding and approval for implementation, if qualified.

YMA teams whose projects did not qualify during the evaluation are asked to do internship at RAFI-EADSC, specifically to support the Mega Cebu program. Apart from their internship deliverables, the teams are also tasked to conduct social marketing to promote and gather supporters for the Mega Cebu program, or to come-up with a 'dream block' exhibit showing how a particular block (portion/stretch) of a community can be improved using smart growth and better block principles.

- **Conference**

Providing the scholars the forum and opportunity to present and advocate their work, a Conference will be organized where these team projects or social marketing initiatives or dream block exhibits will be presented. Forming part of the panel of evaluators will be those representing key organizations that may take interest in the scholars' projects. These representatives will be asked prior to the conference to review and study the project reports and to present their comments during the conference. This event will also serve as the judgment venue of the projects. Enumeration of winners and awarding is done during the Awards and Graduation.

- **Best of Young Minds Awards and Graduation.**

As the annual Academy closes, each member of the team will be given a certificate of participation or recognition depending on the scholar's attendance and compliance with the requirements of the Academy. Special awards will also be given to outstanding teams and individuals, including best projects and presenters. The highest awards to be conferred are the Jon Ramon Aboitiz Medal for Personal Excellence and Roberto E. Aboitiz Medal for Team Excellence.

**YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY  
Team Application Form**



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**I. Check the category that you would like to apply:**

- Generation A: 17-20 years old  
 Generation B: 12-16 years old

**II. Complete the information needed:**

<b>Team Member 1</b>	Name: _____ Nick name: _____ Age/Bdate : _____ Gender: _____ Signature: _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">                     1 x 1 photo                 </div>
<b>Team Member 2</b>	Name: _____ Nick name: _____ Age/Bdate : _____ Gender: _____ Signature: _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">                     1 x 1 photo                 </div>
<b>Team Member 3</b>	Name: _____ Nick name: _____ Age/Bdate : _____ Gender: _____ Signature: _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">                     1 x 1 photo                 </div>
<b>Team Member 4</b>	Name: _____ Nick name: _____ Age/Bdate : _____ Gender: _____ Signature: _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">                     1 x 1 photo                 </div>
<b>Team Member 5</b>	Name: _____ Nick name: _____ Age/Bdate : _____ Gender: _____ Signature: _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">                     1 x 1 photo                 </div>



**III. Declaration of Team Interest and Commitment**

We, as a team, would like to apply as scholars of the Young Minds Academy, a youth leadership and citizenship development program of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. - Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center. We hereby pledge to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Academy and institution. We acknowledge that this is a voluntary program requiring our commitment; thus we declare our unqualified support and cooperation. We acknowledge and recognize that RAFI and its sponsors are investing time and resources in the scholars and its activities. In the event that we fail to complete the program and its requirements, granting we get admitted in the academy, we bind ourselves as a team and agree to compensate RAFI for all expenses it may have incurred for our participation.

Team Member 1 (Signature over printed name)	Date
Team Member 2 (Signature over printed name)	Date
Team Member 3 (Signature over printed name)	Date
Team Member 4 (Signature over printed name)	Date
Team Member 5 (Signature over printed name)	Date

**IV. Declaration of Team Accountability Partner's Commitment**

*(The team must have an accountability partner who shall ensure that the team abides by the rules and complies with the requirements of YMA. He/ She shall serve as the point person and partner in monitoring the team's performance.)*

I hereby accept the responsibility of being the team's accountability partner for their participation in the Young Minds Academy. I clearly understand that the intention of the said program is to promote the value, ideals and practice of responsible citizenship and leadership among Filipino youth. As an accountability partner, I commit myself to monitor the team's performance and ensure that the members abide by the rules and comply with the requirements of YMA. I acknowledge and recognize that RAFI and its sponsors are investing time and resources in the scholars and its activities. In the event that the team fails to complete the program and its requirements, granting they get admitted in the Academy, I bind myself together with the team and agree to compensate RAFI for all expenses it may have incurred for the team's participation.

Team Accountability Partner (Signature over printed name)	Date
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Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Landline Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Please also attach a letter of recommendation and support from ANY of the following: school, barangay, office/organization, church, or whatever group the team is representing indicating their willingness and commitment to monitor the team and ensure that they abide by the rules and comply with the requirements of YMA.*

**YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY  
Individual Application Form**



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**I. Individual Scholar's Profile**

*(Complete all the necessary information required and place 'NA' in areas that are not applicable to you.)*

**PERSONAL PROFILE:**

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

Nickname : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail add : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth day : \_\_\_\_\_ Birth place : \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Talents : \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies : \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Yr level: \_\_\_\_\_ School : \_\_\_\_\_

*(for presently working)*  
 Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Company : \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Brothers/Sisters:

Name	Age

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

	DEGREE	SCHOOL YEAR	SCHOOL
College/University			
High School			
Elementary			

(You may use the back portion of this paper should you need additional sheet)

**ACHIEVEMENTS/ AWARDS RECEIVED:**

<u>Achievements/Awards</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Organization</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMPANY/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>

**HEALTH PROFILE:**

Allergies : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medications : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other illnesses : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Others : \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of emergency, please notify:**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel. number : \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARACTER REFERENCES:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>CONTACT NUMBER</u>
1.		
2.		
3.		

I hereby declare and affirm that all the information stated above is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that any false information found may cause termination of my scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature over printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**II. Release of Liability**

I know, understand and recognize that there are significant elements of physical, mental and emotional risks in the activities that may be included in the program. I understand that parts of the training and approaches employed by the academy may be physically and emotionally demanding. I agree to follow all safety instructions given by program staff during the program run. I certify that the level of my participation is in no way forced upon me by anyone, that the way in which I participate is always my own choice, and I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks associated with my participation in the program/academy.

I release the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI), its staff and Board of Trustees as well as its sponsors, agents and partners from all liability for any damages, including but not limited to, property damage, physical injuries, mental, or emotional stress or death from my participation in the program. I voluntarily sign my name as proof of my acceptance of the above provisions and that I have read and completely understood all aspects of the release form and agree to its terms in its entirety.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant over printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**III. Photo/ Media/ Document Release**

I grant the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) and its sponsors, the right to use, reproduce, assign, and/or distribute photographs, films, videotapes, sound recording and other documents taken or developed for use in materials they may create.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant over printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**IV. Parent's/ Guardian's Consent**

I hereby permit my son/daughter to join the Young Minds Academy, a youth citizenship and leadership development program of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) - Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center, in all its activities, workshops and trainings. I clearly understand that the intention of the said program is to promote the value, ideals and practice of responsible citizenship and leadership among Filipino youth. Moreover, I acknowledge that my son/daughter's participation is voluntary and that I release the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI), its staff, Board of Trustees, sponsors, agents and partners from all liability for any damages, including but not limited to, property damage, injuries, mental, or emotional stress or death.

I voluntarily affix my name and signature as proof of my acceptance and consent for my son's/daughter's participation in this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother / Guardian  
(Signature over printed name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father / Guardian  
(Signature over printed name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- Please attach the following:
1. Completed medical review and release of liability form (YMA Application Form 03)
  2. Certified true copy of birth certificate
  3. An essay on "What citizenship means to me" in no more than 300 words (Arial 11, double spaced, short bond paper)



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**YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY  
Participants Medical Review and  
Liability Release**

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

**Disclosure**

Young Minds Academy, a youth leadership and citizenship program of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. - Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center, uses a variety of activities including, but does not limited to, warm-ups, games and other physical, and mental challenges, teambuilding immersions, initiatives, other indoor and outdoor activities. Some of these activities can be physically and mentally demanding. These activities are designed to be within the capability of anyone who is in reasonably good health.

Although safety is a very high priority in all the activities, there is a risk that must be assumed by each participant that he or she may suffer an emotional or physical injury.

The information requested herein are intended to help inform the program staff and to help determine if further medical consultation and examination are recommended prior to participation in the program. This information will be strictly kept confidential by the RAFI Program Staff and only shared with your permission.

**PART ONE – GENERAL INFORMATION** (please put a check mark)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_ CP/Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have health/accident insurance?  
If YES, name and address of company: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have any limiting physical or health disabilities or handicaps (temporary or permanent) that you or your doctor feel would limit your participation in the Academy?  
If YES, please identify and explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Are you currently taking medication?  
If YES, state what you are taking and what condition it is for: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have allergies, reactions to medications, or other medical limitations?  
If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Have you had surgery in the past years for any conditions which may limit your participation?  
If YES, please identify: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Are you under any follow-up care from a surgical procedure?  
If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have a special diet? If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE EVENT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS, PLEASE INDICATE WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CP/Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART TWO – MEDICAL HISTORY**

Has a physician told you that you have, or are you aware of having, any medical conditions that could be aggravated by physical activity, such as: (please put a check mark)

- heart disease
- high blood pressure
- Anemic
- lung disease/asthma
- diabetes ( insulin dependent ;  non-insulin dependent)
- others, pls. specify: \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked any of the spaces above, please provide additional information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PART THREE – ADDITIONAL FACTORS**

A. Has a physician told you that you have, or are you aware of having, any problems with your: (please put a check mark)

- neck
- back
- shoulders
- wrist
- hips
- ankles
- knees
- others

If you checked any of the spaces above, please provide additional information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Please indicate which statement best describes how often you exercise:

- little or no exercise at all
- occasional exercise 1 or 2 times per week
- vigorous exercise (e.g. 20 min. of running, walking at a fast pace or equivalent 3 times per week for more)

**PHYSICIAN CONSULTATION**

This medical information form is intended to help the Academy determine who from among the prospective scholars may need further consultation and medical examination prior to participation in the program.

If you or your physician requires additional information about activities in any particular component of the program, please contact us.

Please check one:

- I have been advised that I may participate fully in the program without limitation.
- I have been advised that I may participate in the program but should avoid certain activities. Please provide additional information: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have been advised that I should not participate in the program.

Physician's Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 PTR No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 S2 No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I affirm that the confidential medical information that has been provided is accurate and complete. I understand that failure to disclose this information could affect my own safety and those around me, and I agree to release the *Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI)*, its staff, Board of Trustees, sponsors, agents and partners from any liability. In the event of illness or injury, consent is hereby given to provide emergency medical care, hospitalization or other treatment, which may become necessary.

I know, understand and recognize that there are significant elements of risk in any adventure sport or activity associated with the Academy, physically, mentally and emotionally. I understand that parts of the program may be physically and emotionally demanding. I agree to follow all safety instructions given by program staff during the program run. I certify that the level of my participation is in no way forced upon me by anyone, that the way in which I participate is always my own choice, and I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks associated with my participation in these activities.

I release the *Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI)*, its staff, Board of Trustees, sponsors, agents and partners from any liability for any and all damages, including but not limited to, property damage, physical injuries, mental, or emotional stress or death from my participation in the program. I voluntarily sign my name as proof of my acceptance of the above provisions and that I have read and completely understood all aspects of the release form and agree to its terms in its entirety.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**For any questions or concerns, please contact us at:**

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## YOUNG MINDS ACADEMY SEASON 8



RAMON ABOITIZ  
FOUNDATION INC

### What is Young Minds Academy?

Young Minds Academy (YMA) is a youth leadership and citizenship development program of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. – Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center, which aims to develop the youth to become responsible and accountable leaders and pro-active citizens who are ready to serve the public and its interests. This is done through experiential learning sessions, community visits, immersions, and project development anchored on the theme Urban Development.

### How to join?

#### A. Form a team of five (5) members under one of the following categories:

- Generation A : 17-20 years old
- Generation B : 12-16 years old

#### B. Accomplish the following:

##### Team requirements

1. Completed team application form (YMA Application Form 01)
2. Letter of recommendation and support from any of the following: school, barangay, office/organization, church, or whatever group the team is representing indicating their willingness and commitment to monitor the team and ensure that they abide by the rules and comply with the requirements of YMA.
3. A Team Accountability Partner who shall serve as a team partner, ensuring and monitoring the team's compliance in YMA requirements.

##### Individual Requirements

1. Completed individual application form (YMA Application Form 02)
2. Completed medical review and release of liability form (YMA Application Form 03)
3. Certified true copy of birth certificate
4. An essay on "What citizenship means to me" in no more than 300 words (Arial, 11, double spaced, short bond paper)
5. A fee of Php 600\* to be paid on the following installments:
  - Php 400 upon taking the qualifying exams (first screening)
  - Php 200 upon covenant signing (final admission to the Academy)*(\*Actual cost of the program is around Php30,000 per scholar. RAFI will shoulder Php25,000, while UnionBank will shoulder Php4,500 per scholar).*

#### C. Submit completed application forms and requirements to RAFI for short listing and screening. You may mail or submit in person at the following address:

The Executive Director  
Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center  
Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.  
35 Lopez Jaena St. Cebu City 6000

Deadline for application is on **March 10, 2014**

Get your application forms from the Eduardo Aboitiz Development Studies Center, 35 Lopez Jaena St., Cebu City or download them at [www.rafi.org.ph/yma-applications](http://www.rafi.org.ph/yma-applications).

For your queries, please feel free to contact us through Jenny Lea Tan at 418-7234 loc 112 or email [jenny.lea.tan@rafi.org.ph](mailto:jenny.lea.tan@rafi.org.ph).

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