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To: High School Counselors
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From: Deborah M. Zak / Regional Director *Deborah M. Zak*
and Red River Valley Development Association

What: Northwest Minnesota Youth Leadership Award

Who: Open to young adults between the ages of 17 and 21 on or before January 1, 2017, living in Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau and Wilkin counties.

When: Applications must be postmarked by: **Friday, March 3, 2017** and mailed to:
Deborah Zak, Regional Director
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Email: dzak@umn.edu
Phone: 1-888-241-0781 or 218-281-8684.

If you prefer receiving an electronic application form, please send me an email and I will forward the document to you.

Award: Up to three (3) - \$ 500.00 cash awards to be presented at the **Honor Banquet on Saturday – March 25, 2017**, Bede Ballroom – University of Minnesota Crookston.

Notification: Winners will be contacted by phone and email by **March 25th**. Decision of the judges is final and the award will be given only when the Selection Committee feels it is warranted.

Enc. Application Form

Red River Valley Development Association Northwest Minnesota Youth Leadership Award Application 2017

Application Information:

- WHAT:** Up to three (3) \$500 cash awards to be presented at the Honor Banquet on Saturday, March 25, 2017 University of Minnesota, Crookston.
- OBJECTIVES:** (1) To help further higher education of young adults in northwest Minnesota. (2) To recognize outstanding community service and leadership. (3) To encourage further growth and development to improve the quality of life in northwest Minnesota.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Young adults between the ages of 17 and 21 by the date of this application living in Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau and Wilkin Counties.
- REQUIRED:**
1. A **maximum of two-pages, typed, double-spaced essay** describing **one project** that you have been involved with and how *your* leadership skills were used (i.e., Habitat for Humanity, food shelves, highway or community beautification projects, summer youth camps, Bible camp counselor, community service projects, Relay for Life, Senior Citizen or Special Olympic groups, etc.) **60% of total score.**
 2. A **typed, one-page** (a) listing of your school, church and community activities and your leadership duties in each. (b) Also include if you have registered or been accepted for admission to an institution of higher learning, (c) If so, where? (d) What do you plan to major in? (e) How will your plans enrich life in northwest Minnesota? **40% of total score.**
 3. **One (1) letter of recommendation** to be included with the application.
 4. **A recent photo** that can be used in publicity if you are selected. Photo will not be returned.

Please type or print clearly

Name _____ Age/As of **January 1, 2017** _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

High School _____

High School Counselor's Name _____

Are you home schooled? _____ Yes _____ No

What is your high school GPA? _____ What is your college GPA? _____

Can you be present to receive the award at noon on **March 25th**? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of newspaper to submit picture and news release _____

Would you like to receive information from the Admissions Office at UMC? _____ Yes _____ No

Signature: _____

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