



Student of Color Organizing Conference 2009
January 16th – 19th, 2009 – Location TBA

GLSEN, the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network, is pleased to announce our fifth *Student of Color Organizing Conference* to be held on **January 16th – January 19th 2009**. *The Students of Color Organizing (SOCO) Conference*, which has been held for the past four years, is one of the most important components of our student organizing work. This event, made possible by a generous grant from the Time Warner Foundation, will gather Middle and High School Students of color from all over the country during the Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend. The mission of this weekend is to provide networking and skills building opportunities to empower young people of color to organize and become engaged in safer schools work.
This is an all expenses paid event.

1) General Information (Please print clearly - All information required)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) ___/___/___ (must be 13 years or older) Grade _____

Address _____

Apt/Suite _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail _____

Are you involved with a Gay-Straight Alliance in your school? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you registered with www.studentorganizing.org? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you involved in a GLSEN Chapter? ___ Don't have one ___ Yes ___ No

Full Name of School, City and State that you attend:

Circle one in each column which best describes your school:

Middle School	Private
High School	Public
	Alternative
	Religious
Other _____	Other _____

2) Diversity Information

GLSEN strives to achieve an inclusive, diverse atmosphere in all of its programming. Please provide the following information about yourself:

Gender Identity: _____ Sexual orientation: _____

Are you of trans experience? _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____ Country of Origin: _____

3) Have you ever attended a GLSEN event? If yes, please list below

4) Essay Questions (Required of ALL applicants)

On an additional sheet, please briefly describe each of the following (100 words, or less, per question)

1. Why do you want to participate in 2009 Student of Color Organizing Conference?
2. What leadership positions do you hold in a student club, safe schools organizing, and/or people of color community groups?

3. What has been your experience with working against anti-LGBT bullying and harassment?
4. Please describe a project you would like to implement in your local community from the skills you hope to gain at Organizing Leaders?
5. What will you contribute to the GLSEN Students of Color Organizing event?

5) Emergency Contact Information *(Required of ALL applicants)*

Participant

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Emergency Contact Person

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Information: (if under 18)

Parent/Guardian(s): _____ Phone: _____

6) Participant Guidelines: *(Required of ALL applicants, guardian(s)/parent(s) must also sign if participant is under 18 years of age.)*

- The Participant understands that in attending the GLSEN's 2009 SOCO summit, they must obey all GLSEN student safety guidelines
- The Participant agrees to abide by all state and federal laws, including but not limited to, the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. If in violation of any laws or GLSEN policies, the participant understands they will be asked to leave the conference facilities and any expenses therein shall be the sole responsibility of the participant.

By signing below, participant - and guardian(s)/parent(s) - state they have read and agree to abide by Participant Agreement outlined above.

Participant Printed Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

If Participant is under the age of 18, guardian(s)/parent(s) must also sign below:

Guardian/Parent Printed Name: _____

Signature of Guardian/Parent: _____ Date: _____

Please submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher/mentor with this application

Deadline for all applications is November 10th, 2008 and should be mailed to:

Attn: 2009 SOCO Conference

GLSEN National Office – 90 Broad Street - NY, NY 10004

(or) faxed to: 212-727-0254,

Apply online @ www.glsen.org

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