

# NEXT UP ALBERTA

a leadership program for young people  
committed to social and environmental justice  
October 2, 2010 – May 2, 2011  
Edmonton, Alberta

Thanks for applying to Next Up. We're really looking forward to hearing from you. Please make sure you send in all three parts of the application (see the list below). Applications can be emailed or mailed, and must be received by September 14, 2010 by midnight, Mountain Time. We will confirm receipt of your application by email.

## THERE ARE THREE PARTS TO THE APPLICATION:

- **Your resume.** This is a summary of your education, work and volunteer history. It also includes your name, age, mailing address, telephone number and email address. It is a maximum of two pages in length.
- **Your answers to the application questions and short creative assignment.** Please type your questions and answers into a new document (the questions start on the next page). Answers can be submitted in writing OR audio – Choose ONE.
- **References.** We'd like three references. These should be from people who know you and want to see you succeed. Please ask one of your references to provide a letter talking about your leadership qualities or potential. For the other two, just include their names and telephone numbers, and a brief explanation of how you know them.

## IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY:

- Please name your resume **firstname\_lastname.doc**
- Please name the document (text or audio file) containing your application questions and answers **firstname\_lastnameapp.doc**
- Please name your references (a single file that includes the letter, plus names and phone numbers of your other two references) **firstname\_lastnameeref.doc**
- Audio files must be in mp3 format.
- Email your application files to [alberta@nextup.ca](mailto:alberta@nextup.ca).

## YOU CAN ALSO SEND US YOUR APPLICATION BY POST:

- Next Up Alberta  
11045 Saskatchewan Drive  
Edmonton, AB T6C 0W3

If you are short-listed, you must be available for a group and individual interview on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Applicants will find out if they've been accepted to the program by Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Best of luck!

Aliya Jamal  
Program Coordinator, Next Up Alberta

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

Please answer ALL questions in Part One.

Answers to these questions can be submitted in ONE of two ways: Written or Audio.

Choose and answer two questions from Part Two in no more than a few paragraphs OR a couple minutes.

Please answer Part Three, the creative assignment question, in up to 300 words OR 2 minutes (for audio).

### **PART ONE**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL FOUR OF THESE QUESTIONS:**

1. Why are you applying to Next Up?
2. Tell us about your work, volunteer, family or community involvement. What challenges do you face? What is something you've done that you are proud of, and/or think reflects your values and beliefs?
3. Name an issue, cause or situation that is of utmost concern to you, and tell us why.
4. How would you personally contribute to the diversity of Next Up?

### **PART TWO**

**CHOOSE ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:**

1. Where or how do you get inspired with new ideas?
2. Is there anybody who has had a particular influence on your way of working and thinking? Who and why?
3. What motivates you to make an extra effort?
4. What's the most provocative or challenging article, book, movie, performance or piece of art you've read or seen – and why?
5. Which political event has made an impression on you during the past year – and why?
6. Name three things that make you happy on an everyday basis and tell us why.
7. How would you define leadership, and what makes a good leader? Which leadership qualities do you possess, and which would you like to develop?
8. Where do you see yourself in five years, if your wildest dreams came true?
9. Tell us about an experience you've had of community, and what it meant for you.
10. What's something you've recently learned about yourself? How did you learn it?
11. What three pieces of advice would you give to this leadership network?
12. Is there a question you would have liked us to ask? If so, what – and why should we have asked it?

## **PART THREE**

### **CREATIVE ASSIGNMENT:**

If you were designing a new project focusing on social justice and/or environmental sustainability, what would you do?

(300 words OR 2 minutes max)

That's it! Thank you for your participation!