

**SPINSTER APPLICATION DUE: Friday, November 4, 2011**

Hello Potential Spinster,

It is with great pleasure that the YWCA mentoring program announce the **2011-2012 Spinster Program**. It is our goal that this program successfully provide life skills training for young ladies who will be graduating from high school and preparing to attend a post secondary institution. We are excited about this program and hope that you and your family will consider the benefit of participating in this life changing experience.

The selection process will be competitive. Spinsters selected to participate will have the opportunity to attend workshops which will begin in December. The time of preparation will be filled with activities, such as character development and social etiquette workshops, college preparation activities and community service. The experience offers opportunities that will allow you to broaden your perspectives educationally, socially and culturally.

At the culmination of the training and community service events will be a much anticipated, semi-formal Spinster dance held in March 2012. The program application period has begun. Applicants must submit a complete application packet by Friday, November 4, 2011. Eligibility requirements for participants are as follows:

- College Bound Female
- Entering Junior Year in Fall 2011
- GPA – 2.5 or better
- Fulfill a two-year commitment term
- Active Community Service (i.e. church, civic organizations, etc.)
- Participate in life skills training and committee meetings
- Participate in fundraising
- Must notify the Spinster coordinator if you have a school suspension violation or drug / alcohol offense. (Additional life skills training or community service may be required to stay in Spinsters.)
- Secure four (4) adults per girl to chaperone the Spinster dance

The selection process will require a non-refundable program fee of \$30.00 **after notification**, using an affordable payment schedule if necessary. As a Spinster, you will carry on a 70+ year tradition of Spinsters. Your participation will not only change your life, but will be a part of our legacy forever.

Attached you will find an application form, application essay question and two recommendation sheets. Mail the application packet to: YWCA ▪ Attn: Spinster Committee ▪ 300 W. 11th St ▪ Sioux Falls, SD 57104. We look forward to reviewing your application for participation in this year's program. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the application process or the Spinster program please contact me at the email addresses below. Thank you for considering creating history with the YWCA Spinster Program.



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