



APPLICATION PACKET

for



28th Annual Students of Color Conference

<http://mssdc.com/socc.php>

Submit complete application to Student Life &
Involvement Center, TransAlta Commons Room 137 by
Noon, Friday, January 26, 2018



Dear Centralia College Student:

Centralia College would like to invite you to apply to attend the **28th Annual Students of Color Conference**. If you have heard any of the students who have attended this conference in the past talk about it, you will know that it can be a life changing experience that they are ready to repeat. Now you have a chance to attend. The conference will be held in **Yakima, WA** from **Thursday, April 12 to Saturday, April 14, 2018**.

The Annual Students of Color Conference (sponsored by the Washington State Multicultural Student Services Directors' Council) brings together over 500 students from colleges throughout the state. Workshop topics include:

- leadership development
- ethnic, racial and cultural sensitivity
- academic success
- identity development
- strategies and skills for promoting social justice
- Intercultural communication and understanding.

Keynote speakers and evening entertainment are also included in the program.

All registration costs, accommodations and transportation will be covered by the College for the students selected to attend. The deadline for submitting completed applications for the conference is Friday, January 26, 2018 by Noon in the Student Life Center, TransAlta Commons Room 137.

For more information, please contact me, via email at jessica.ramirez@centralia.edu or 360-623-8586.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ramirez
Student Engagement Specialist



APPLICATION PROCESS

Please complete this application if you are interested in attending the 2018 Students of Color Conference:

- Turn in the completed applications and signed forms to the Student Life Center by Friday, January 26, 2018 by Noon.
- If selected, you must attend one of the pre-departure orientations, dates to be determined.

Requirements for Attending the Students of Color Conference:

- Must be able to attend all three days
 - Must ride the CC vans, which will leave and return to CC, with the group
 - Must stay in the lodging that is provided.
 - Must abide by the rules of SOCC as well as Centralia College Student Rights and Responsibilities Code of Conduct.
 - Must be 17 years of age as of March 1, 2018
 - Must have a quarterly and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
 - Must be a currently registered in a minimum of 6 credits at Centralia College
 - Must have excused absences from instructors
 - Must answer essay question on application
 - Complete the letter of commitment form included in the packet
 - Must commit to doing a presentation on campus about your experience or coordinate a diversity program. (You can work with other students on this.)
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- Once selected, if you require accommodations for a disability to participate, please contact: Jessica Ramirez in the Student Life & Involvement Center, TransAlta Commons Room 137, or at 360-623-8586 or jessica.ramirez@centralia.edu

Application for Students of Color Conference

Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to You: _____

Gender Identity: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Please check the group you most identify with:

African American/Black _____ Asian American _____ White _____

Chicana-o/Hispanic Latina-o _____ Native American/Indian/Alaskan Native _____

Biracial/Multiracial _____ Pacific American Islander _____ International _____

Middle Eastern/South Asian _____ African Diaspora _____ LGBTQ _____

Allergies: _____

Please indicate meal preference below:

Vegan Vegetarian Kosher No Dairy Other (Please describe)

Club/Program Affiliations if any _____

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle One) XS S M L XL XXL Other: _____

Essay Questions:

If you have attended SOCC at least once, please complete essay question #1:

If you have NOT attended SOCC before, please complete essay question #2:

Please type your answer to the question below on a separate sheet. Include your name at the top of the sheet.

1. **Have attended SOCC Before:** What did you take away from the conference and how did you apply what you learned to your personal and or academic life? (150 words minimum, 250 words maximum)
2. **Have never attended SOCC:** Who are you? Tell us something about yourself (your cultural background, barriers/challenges you have confronted, educational goals, experience in diverse communities and involvement on campus and/or community organizations). (150 words minimum, 250 words maximum.)

**Commitment Form of Participation
For the Students of Color Conference
April 12-14, 2018**

- I am enrolled for at least 6 credits at Centralia College and have a quarterly and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- I will attend all required conference activities and events
- If selected, I will follow the rules and regulations of the conference, and will accept the consequences if I do not adhere to these rules and regulations. I will also agree to sign the SOCC Policies and Procedures Form.
- If for some unavoidable reason, my plans change and I find it impossible for me to attend the conference; I will inform Shelley Bannish or Jessica Ramirez in the Student Life & Involvement Center no later than 48 hours in advance.
- If I cannot attend and do not inform the above named staff with 48 hours' notice, I understand that I am liable for the cost of my registration (\$130).
- I understand that I am representing Centralia College and will follow the Centralia College Student Code of Conduct.
- I will attend all SOCC Pre-departure orientations prior to the conference. **TBA**

By signing this letter I am committing to the above.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age, will need parent signature

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

All students who are applying for the conference must read and sign this form.