

Certificate Training Youth Ministry Resource

Developing a Youth Ministry Resource is one of the requirements for completing the Certificate in Youth Ministry. Once you have completed the required sessions, you may submit a proposal for a resource you would like to develop. The rationale for this resource should be grounded in principles presented in the certificate training program and the diocesan vision for youth ministry.

The resource should be a substantial work that you would like to use in your ministry, approximately 7-12 pages long. Examples include: a day of formation for parents, 5 week bible study for high school boys or girls discipleship group, social events to introduce 6th graders to middle school ministry and 9th graders to high school ministry, plan for deepening coaches' identity as youth ministers, plan to recruit leadership from your parish's various cultural groups.

Attention should be given to incorporating principles learned in certificate training courses, while embodying the diocesan vision for youth ministry (i.e., efforts at reaching young people in a variety of youth groupings as opposed to merely a traditional "youth group", training adult leaders, etc.). A successful resource should contain action plans for recruiting and training adult leaders. Strategies for collaborating with pastors and partnering with parents may be presented.

The Certificate in Youth Ministry is given to recipients at the Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries Appreciation Dinner in December. Youth Ministry Resource Proposals are due 2 months before the Appreciation Dinner. Email your proposal to Clarissa Maciel at clarissa.maciel@arlingtondiocese.org. You will receive feedback and a response within a week to let you know if it is approved. The completed resource is due 1 month before the Appreciation Dinner. Blessings on your work!

Important Dates:

October 7, 2025	Deadline to submit Youth Ministry Resource Proposal
November 4, 2025	Deadline to submit Youth Ministry Resource
December 9, 2025	Appreciation Dinner

Certificate Training Youth Ministry Resource Proposal

Name:

Date:

Parish:

Description: *Please describe exactly what your resource will contain, i.e. a 5 week bible study for a high school boys discipleship group.*

Rationale: *In 1-2 paragraphs, please explain the connection between principles presented in Certificate Training, the Diocesan vision for youth ministry, and your proposed resource.*